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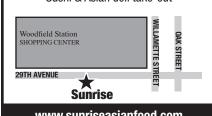


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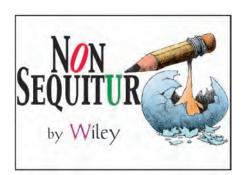
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### letters

### **AMERICANS GET TO CHOOSE**

Clever way to address election uncertainty: Print three possibilities. The best part is the title: "Choose Your Own America" (EW 11-5). Interesting part is we can do this if we work together, guiding our members of Congress to do the right thing. How about an America that coordinates the battle against the pandemic from D.C., with the critical funding to insure success? An America that takes steps to end the systemic racism that has been brought to national attention via the Black Lives Matter movement and the pandemic preying on people of poverty, too often people of color? An America that works to end hunger and poverty in the world's richest country?

That is the America I choose and am committed to work for, no matter who wins elections. Join me. Together our voices can make a difference.

> Willie Dickerson Snohomish, Washington

### ANOTHER TRUMP SHIT SHOW

I was disgusted by the article ("Out of the Frying Pan Into the Fire," *EW* 11-5) about the BLM protest in Creswell that turned into yet another Trump supporters shit show.

I am disgusted by the Trump supporters who continually show their ignorance and who don't appear to understand the meaning of democracy or the rights of people to peacefully protest.

The picture above the article tells that story all too well: ignorant, white people making crude gestures, trying to intimidate peaceful protesters who have a difference of opinion with them rather than trying to have any kind of civil discourse. These people are a disgrace to our community and to our country.

> Marion Sproul Eugene

### **BLM IS THE PROBLEM**

Taylor Perse ("Out of the Frying Pan and Into The Fire," EW 11-5) cites the Armed Conflict Location and Event Data Project (ACLED) warning that Oregon is one of the top five states for militia activity. She condemns the counter-protest-

ers to the Black Lives Matter demonstration in Creswell last weekend

She fails to note the reason why counter-protesters show up at BLM marches. The very same ACLED concludes that up to 95 percent of the recent riots in the country have been linked to BLM.

The police stand by because their jobs are in jeopardy if they intervene, and they have no government support. Gov. Kate Brown, who regularly declares that "violence will not be tolerated," has tolerated left wing violence for months.

So who's left to protect the community from the burning, looting and mayhem?

> Jerru Ritter Springfield

Editor's Note: Reporter Taylor Perse responds that the statistics used in this letter are not in the study that was referenced in the original story and could not be corroborated. A different study produced by ACLED mentions that more than 93 percent of all demonstrations connected to the Black Lives Matter movement have not had violent or destructive activity.

### **BIDEN WILL SELL US OUT**

President-elect Joe Biden said Trump has "given up' on COVID and "raised the white flag." Biden astoundingly has never heard of Operation Warp Speed.

Biden said he is going to "save the climate." Politicians are known for making promises they never keep, but this one takes the cake. Biden can't say, and will never say, that overpopulation is the planet's gravest threat because everyone knows where all the new mouths to feed are coming from.

Large and small businesses are struggling to survive the pandemic. Nike is laying off 400 people. Biden's solution? Raise their taxes.

Even with his personality deficits, one of the most effective presidents in American history has just been turned out of office. In trade and foreign relations Trump has done everything possible to eliminate policies unfair to American taxpayers and business. Rep. Peter DeFazio has been railing against NAFTA for decades. Who got rid of it? After pulling out of WHO, the head of the organization promptly admitted they "had work to do." Trump wanted to "wipe the drug cartels off the map," but the president of Mexico said no, a hug is better. It will now be easier than ever to flood our country with deadly drugs.

Biden will sell us out globally and if you work, want to work, own a business, own property, and pay taxes your nightmare has just begun. What liberals have done to California - a state millions of productive people are fleeing - Biden will try to do to America. It won't work.

Greg Williams

### **LET'S ALL STAY IN SHAPE**

Due largely to President Donald Trump's mishandling and exacerbating the COVID crisis, many businesses across America are on life-support - if they can find it. Small, locally owned operations, such as gyms and restaurants that serve customers indoors, have been particularly hard hit.

There's bitter irony in the realization that, say, dropping our membership in the gym we go to to stay fit, because of fear of infection, may lead to the demise of the business and in turn a decline in our own fitness and health. It doesn't have to be this way. As one example, my gym, In Shape on Willamette, has taken extraordinary precautions with disinfectants, spacing and mandatory masking, and as a result may be freer of any potential transmission than it was pre-COVIOD.

Locally owned gyms, restaurants and shops are the foundation of an ecologically sound economy and sustainable - when we don't abandon them. If you have a gym membership consider continuing your monthly or yearly payment and increasing it if you're able, even if you've decided to take a hiatus during the pandemic.

Better, come back and work out with vour fellow members in conditions likely safer than shopping at your favorite grocery. After you're done, reward yourself with a bite to eat at a restaurant, cafe or food cart. You'll not only feel healthier. you'll feel good about the contribution



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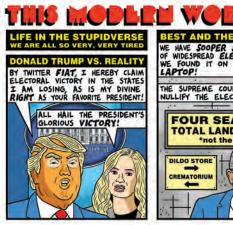




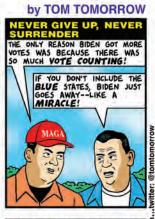


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Robert Emmons Fall Creek

### **DON'T TAKE COMPUTER TALLIES ON FAITH**

The Democratic Party made a strategic mistake to ignore the problems of Republican owned "faith-based" voting machines. Canada uses paper ballots, counted by hand, not by computers with proprietary software. Their system is far from perfect, but at least they get the politicians they vote for.

The 2000, 2004 and 2016 presidential elections had "red shifts" between exit polls and the alleged results provided by voting machines in swing states. Georgia and Pennsylvania, among other states, have used touch screen voting machines that likely flipped recent state and federal elections.

Voter suppression in these and other states also shifted results enough to alter some outcomes. We need a new Voting Rights Act to guarantee the right to vote and to have votes counted cor-

I am not a fan of Biden, but the Obama-Biden administration was competent regarding the 2009 HlNl pandemic and the 2014 Ebola outbreak in west Africa. If Biden gets the job in Januarv it is reasonable to assume the CDC and other public health agencies will be allowed to do their jobs regarding CO-VID containment.

It is ironic that the last ballots to be counted, which flipped several swing states, were mail-in votes cast by citizens concerned about contracting coronavirus due to Trump's incompetent mismanagement.

The Trump campaign spread virus denial disinformation to immunize him from accountability for this avoidable outcome. Sadly, it's not only Republicans who embraced this — there are also "new age" science deniers who inadvertently helped Trump. Painful lessons ahead.

> Mark Robinowitz Eugene Eugene

### **HAS QANON SEEN THIS?**

In your 10-29 issue, the ad on the back page from a local dispensary encouraged people to vote in the election on Nov. 4.

*Nov.* 4 — the day after the election!

Is more evidence needed to prove that our local weed shops, and maybe EW, are involved in a conspiracy with the highest levels of the Trump administration to suppress the vote and subvert our entire cherished democracy?

> Rick Hauaht Eugene

### **SOMETHING THERE IS THAT DOES NOT LOVE TRUMP**

Humpty Trumpty sat on his wall, Humpty Trumpty had a great fall. All of his lawyers and all of his kin Couldn't put Trumpty together again. Ahhhh, so sad for Trumpty.

> Kimberly Rodman Eugene

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### **VIEWPOINT** BY DOYLE SRADER

### ARGUING WON'T SOLVE A RELATIONAL PROBLEM IN POLITICAL DIVIDE

eall knew the story of the 2016 and 2020 elections: Donald Trump won in 2016 because Democrats either stayed home or cast protest votes, convinced Hillary Clinton would win easily. So now, after four years of Trump being Trump in plain sight, all we had to do was stay focused and be sure to vote. Right? Blue wave? Democrats would take back the Senate? Joseph Biden would win such a slam dunk that the

Republican Party would limp away and disband? Two weeks ago, a lot of people thought so.

I lived in Texas for the first quarter century of my life, then eight years in one of the most remote, rural parts of that state. Until I moved here, Louie Gohmert was my representative. I was, and am, a Southern Baptist. If that's all you know about me, I sound like a Trump voter.

I'm not. But I am very bilingual.

I've also spent a little under half my life teaching communication to college students, including classes about listening, conflict management, argumentation and the lifespan of relationships. Some of those lessons fit this moment.

First, we don't have a content problem: We have a relational problem.

I know the same as everybody that Trump lies unashamedly in plain sight. Doesn't matter. Fact-checking him won't cost him any supporters.

And I'm as horrified as anyone by voter suppression as a strategy. But when a big segment of the population copes with crippling fear by turning to the cohesive group that welcomes them, it's easy for them to want only their votes to count and nobody else's. And when unreasoning terror is what underlies a wish, flimsy excuses for its fulfillment become persuasive. You've talked yourself into believing things that didn't stand up to scrutiny because you wanted them to be true. It's not a Republican thing; it's a human thing.

When anyone thinks their solidarity as a member of a besieged group is all that stands between them and disaster, then loyalty will crush principle without a moment's discomfort. That's also a human thing.

Second, we are following the same pattern they are, and that makes us part of the problem.

Now, it's not in the same context. I have in mind the Republican position on abortion, which white evangelicals (like me) offered as the chief reason they supported Trump. I've understood for years the difference between, on the one hand, wanting to reduce the number of abortions that happen, and, on the other, lashing out in fury against abortion. The steps in pursuit of those two goals have virtually no overlap.

But all the mocking of Trump voters is the exact same mistake.

Every time we parody something Trump or a Trump

supporter says, we give voice to our outrage, but we do nothing constructive. It is an utterly losing strategy to attack Trump voters, because Trump's core strategy is to attack. We get torn between the impulse to rise above it and the opposing temptation to respond with mockery, and the tension pulling us in both directions waters them both down.

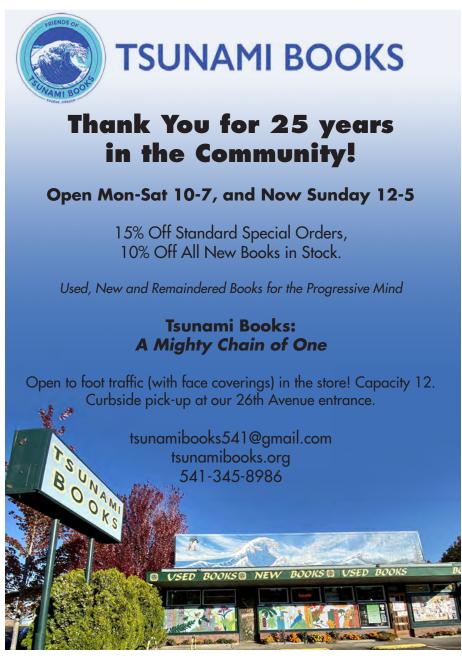
We cannot win a spiral of attacks with Trump, or with any Trump loyalist. They're better at it than we are, period. That will not change. And if it did change, it would be the most Pyrrhic victory imaginable.

So what must we do? We must listen.

I've been fascinated lately by the work of two professors from Israel, a country with some experience in trying to unsnarl stubborn knots of hatred. Avraham Kluger, a business professor at Hebrew University, and Guy Itzchakov, a professor of human services at the University of Haifa, have demonstrated in a series of studies that if people speak about their resentments and hostility to a listener who gives them a feeling of safety, they draw on attitude-relevant knowledge to soften and nuance those commitments, and ultimately back away from them. It's when they feel defensive that they ignore flaws and contradictions in their attitudes, and bear down with all their might. Maybe you've seen that exact behavior from a lot of Trump supporters. I certainly have.

I can hear people seething at this, saying we shouldn't have to unilaterally disarm, we shouldn't have to respond to outrage with patience. And I would refer you to my colleagues in the counseling field who could explain to  $you \, that \, when \, you \, get \, stuck \, in \, your \, proclamations \, of \, what \,$ should be, you paralyze yourself and stubbornly replay all the broken tactics that keep you mired in your problems.  $\blacksquare$ 

Doyle Srader lives in Eugene.







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### **Potala Gate Closes**

BUT ANOTHER DOOR OPENS AS THE SHOP MOVES ONLINE AND LONGTIME OWNERS RETIRE AND CONCENTRATE ON BUDDHIST MEDITATION

By Dan Buckwalter

orn in different refugee settlements in India, they met and married at a third settlement in that country, and from there a blissful journey of inclusiveness that is rooted always in Buddhism began for Tibetan descendants Kyizom Wangmo and her husband, Lama Jigme. From India, Wangmo and Jigme set foot in the U.S. in

From India, Wangmo and Jigme set foot in the U.S. in 1994, first in California, then in Cottage Grove, and, finally, Eugene, where in 2001 they opened Potala Gate (Tibetan Gifts and Asian Imports) on Willamette Street. It has been a journey that includes service jobs at the start while raising two daughters, acquiring friendships at every turn and, judging from the store's Facebook page, plenty of love.

"I was always very positive," Wangmo says of her and her husband's travels. "Here it wasn't that hard. There were small struggles, yes. But people seemed very nice."

Wangmo, sitting on a sofa in the balcony that overlooks the store, warmly smiles and laughs. "Maybe my ignorance helped."

Potala Gate sells a wide assortment of Tibetan and Asian wares, including incense, text covers, kanglings and jewelry as well as Buddha statues and meditation clothing.

A new chapter for Wangmo and Jigme opens soon when Potala Gate, an anchor in downtown Eugene and known throughout the I-5 corridor largely through word of mouth, closes its doors on Nov. 30. The store will still have an online presence, and there will be local delivery, but now as empty nesters (daughters Kunsal and Chonyi are grown), retirement beckons with new roads to cross for Wangmo, 50, and Jigme, who is in his 60s.

There will be no more need so spend six or seven days a week at the store, and there will be no more recessions to fight through or a pandemic to think about.

"My husband had been thinking about it," Wangmo says. "It was a positive decision. This is the time to go."

Lama Jigme has taught Buddhist dancing. He may or may not teach again, Wangmo says, but he will travel to retreats and practice meditation. "For us, practice is more important," Wangmo emphasizes. Wangmo will still work with the online wing of the business, which has grown this year in the face of the pandemic. Also, she says she will look forward to volunteer work where she can find it.

 $Still-after\ almost\ 20\ years\ on\ first\ the\ east\ side\ of\ Willamette\ Street, then the\ larger\ storefront\ across\ the\ street-Wangmo\ will\ miss\ the\ customers, the\ browsers\ and\ the\ people\ who\ came\ in\ just\ to\ talk.$ 

"I was so blessed to have so many people," Wangmo says. Potala Gate "is a place to take refuge. They want to take refuge to get away from the chaos of the street. That we will miss dearly. We get to talk. They get to know Tibetan history. It's therapeutic for them and me.

"We are so thankful to all the support of the people of Eugene, Springfield and Lane County."

Potala Gate (Tibetan Gifts and Asian Imports) is at 1030 Willamette Street. It will continue its online presence at PotalaGate.com or at 541-914-4765. Potala Gate offers local delivery.

### It's About Time

November is a month delivering as many changes as any other of the year. The rainy season arrival usually has started in October, hopefully ending wildfires and bringing on the mushroom season and a luxuriant flush of licorice ferns on bigleaf maples and roadside cliffs. The first hard freeze of the year typically happens around now. Tender garden flowers like zinnias and dahlias get frost bitten and suddenly turn to mush overnight.

Leaves are beginning to fall but most are still hanging on native broadleaf trees at the beginning of the month, gradually turning gold or brown. Among native shrubs, only vine

by David Wagner

maple and poison
oak reliably display
bright red fall colors. Come
the end of the month, native
perennial herbs like cow

parsnip, meadow rue, tall larkspur and nonnative poison hemlock emerge from summer dormancy. Their folded leaves unfurl slowly all winter, taking advantage of the leafless trees overhead letting through sunlight, getting a head start on spring blooming time. Even the open areas green up rapidly, a moss turf decorating the aspect of an urban landscape where

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dry, barren ground dominated summer's end.

While little mossy plants spread a green velvet coating, many of the little critters are tucking in for the duration.

Bumble bees and butterflies hunker down in nests or form a chrysalis in hiding, waiting for spring. Ground dwelling, solitary predators like scorpions hibernate in their refuges under logs or rocks. They could serve well as spirit animals of Trump's selfish environmental destruction brigade.

David Wagner is a botanist who has worked in Eugene for more than 40 years. He teaches moss classes, leads nature walks and publishes the Oregon Nature Calendar. For information about getting the 2021 nature calendar, contact him directly at fernzenmosses@me.com.

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### Eugene's New Team

TWO NEW COUNCILORS TO TAKE THEIR PLACE ON THE CITY COUNCIL

By Taylor Perse

s the dust from election week settles at least locally - Eugene residents will see both new and familiar faces on the City Council. The new candidates, Randy Groves and Matt Keating, won the primary in

May, securing their spot as the only name on the general election ballot. Groves is taking over Ward 8 from Chris Pryor, who is stepping down, and Keating is stepping into Betty Taylor's position in Ward 2, which she held for 24 years before retiring. As newcomers, both Groves and Keating are tasked with finding their place in the council and helping move Eugene forward.

The rest of the seats that were up for re-election will be occupied by the incumbents. Lucy Vinis will serve a second term as Eugene's mayor and won 90 percent of the votes despite local activist Isiah Wagoner's attempt at a write-in campaign. In Ward I, Emily Semple beat Eliza Kashinsky in the run-off election and in Ward 7, Claire Syrett was re-elected.

As former Eugene-Springfield fire chief, Groves is no stranger to the infrastructure of the city. He has 36 years of experience as a city employee. He says he has the advantage of not having to learn the system.

"I know it well," Groves says. "I know the players. I know how to get things done through the city."

He explains that his experience merging the Eugene and Springfield fire departments taught him how to problem solve on a large scale and says that these skills can be applied to issues the city deals with.

With the pandemic, Groves says it's important to get to the root cause and work it out from there. He emphasizes the importance of following the science and providing safety for the community while also helping local businesses and educational systems adapt to the pandemic long-term.

But regardless of the current pandemic, Groves says that with the climate warming, new pathogens will emerge, making viruses like COVID-19 a prolonged threat.

"I think we must be prepared by hardening our systems and creating mechanisms for continuing these essential interactions which sustain our society," Groves says. Business, labor and educational systems need to meet those needs, he adds.

Keating, who has a background in radio and currently works for Cumulus Media in Eugene and as a Lane Community College board member, also says to listen to the science behind COVID-19 in determining what action to take. He commends Vinis and City Manager Sarah Medary for their communication and work with local health authorities.

"As long as we do that and put the health and welfare of our community front and center, we can do our part:  $embrace\,contact\,tracing, wearing\,masks\,and\,mitigating$ greater spread than we've already seen.'

In the past, the council has been criticized for dragging its feet on homelessness. Recently, the city passed an ordinance that created more rest stops that allow people to legally camp. Groves says that these are good steps, and helping the current unhoused population is crucial, but he also wants to take on the prevention side of things.

'My approach to homelessness is: Let's have a backstop in place for people who are already housed but who are in danger of losing their housing," Groves says. "Prevention is a less expensive, more humane way to deal with the problem than waiting until people are in a chronic homeless state."

In setting climate policy, both Keating and Groves say they want Eugene to set an example for other cities.

"I would like to see us be influencers," Groves says. He says Eugene could provide models that can be taken to regional and potentially national levels. "If we start sharing what's working for us, that can have an impact on what's happening in our environment."

In July, the City Council passed the Climate Action Plan (CAP) 2.0, which has a goal of reducing the city's carbon footprint and mitigating effects of climate change.

Keating says that Eugene's actions won't dramatically change climate impact on the world, but they can teach other municipalities by promoting alternative transportations and reducing fossil fuels.

Though Both Groves and Keating were elected before the local Black Lives Matter movement grew roots in the city, they are both coming into the council with thoughts on policing. Activists had previously criticized the council for passing an increased police budget for 2021 and in response to continued protests in the city, the Eugene City Council recently created the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Policy, composed with people of color from the community.

'We need actions as well as words," Keating says. He says creating the committee was a step in the right direction, however, there is still work to be done in listening to people of color and shifting policing models to include

"Thankfully, right here in Eugene, we have a robust relationship with law enforcement and the mental health community like CAHOOTS," Keating says. He admits he doesn't have all the answers but wants to have these conversations.

 $Both\,Groves\,and\,Keating\,will\,start\,their\,positions\,on$ Jan. 11. Groves says he is ready to jump in and get to work in order to keep the council moving.

"Once you get your feet moving, it's a lot easier to adjust the course," Groves says. "We don't need the ideal when it comes to the first step."



# **HAPPENING**

### **Matt and Eve Hawkins**

"I grew up with animals," says Eve Hawkins, who spent her childhood years along the McKenzie River east of Eugene. "We had everything from reptiles in the house to horses outside and everything in between. We rescued a litter of skunk babies after the mother was murdered by a dog. It was the start of my love of rescuing animals." She and her husband, Matt, a North Eugene grad, have five acres on the Pleasant Hill side of Dexter, where they are raising their three children along with three horses, two miniature horses, three cows, five sheep, two goats, many ducks, geese and turkeys, four dogs and four cats. They also foster rescued animals for Lucky Paws Animal Rescue in Springfield. They learned of the Holiday Farm Fire in the nearby McKenzie River Valley on their return from a Labor Day weekend campout. Eve quickly found the Facebook page Holiday Farm Fire Animal Rescue, hosted by former Lane County animal welfare advocate Julie Ohashi, who coordinated rescue efforts from her new home in Michigan, and other local animal lovers. Two days later, when their own threat of evacuation was eased. Matt headed upriver with his Chevy Suburban and horse trailer. "I went up every day for two weeks," he says. "Most of what I did was to bring food and water to animals sheltering in place." He also transported animals downriver at the request of owners. Livestock were taken to the Lane County Fairgrounds in Eugene; dogs and cats went to  $% \left\{ 1\right\} =\left\{ 1\right$ Lucky Paws. Eve, an administrator at an assisted living facility, joined him full-time on weekends and part-time some weekdays. "We were taking care of animals in Leaburg," she relates, "when we got a call about a place upstream where they needed more resources. It was pretty intense, still burning in hot spots. A friend and I got two kunekune pigs  $% \left\{ 1,2,\ldots ,n\right\}$ into a trailer while Matt and a team were getting six or eight Jacob sheep loaded. I can't even tell you how many geese and ducks we loaded up. That was our favorite rescue.



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# slant

• This week is Best of Eugene, and we love praising all of Lane County in its weird wonderfulness — especially during global pandemic. We hope you enjoy it, in print and

online, and accept the award we are giving ourselves: Best Source of Fire-Starting Material. Between riots downtown, wildfires up the McKenzie and rabid Trump-supporters who hate us, Eugene Weekly papers and our little red boxes have been lit up more times than a joint at a Snoop Dogg show back when they used to actually happen at the Cuthbert. It's been a hell of a ride, but we keep showing up. PSA: The papers are fine to burn when you're done with the crossword, but if you could ease up on the boxes, that'd be super.

• Whether or not Donald Trump concedes (and if he does, we're wondering which landscaping company he will make his speech in front of) the election is heading toward the Electoral College and certification, and **Joe Biden is the president-elect with Kamala Harris as the vice president-elect**. Harris is the first woman of color elected vice president — something to celebrate even more after a year of deeply warranted Black Lives Matter protests. Is a Biden-Harris ticket perfect? No. We have miles to go before we heal this country of its racism, rifts and COVID-19. But before we go back to trying to make this a better world, we are going to take a moment to have that celebration, breathe and look forward to decency in the White House, and a rescue dog, too.

• We wonder how many voters from this congressional district know that famed urine collector **Art Robinson was just elected to the Oregon State Senate**. Remember him? He ran and ran and ran against Rep. Peter DeFazio, funded by the Mercer family, finally giving up to become chair of the Oregon Republican Party. The Oregon State Senate is 18 to 12 Democratic. Robinson is 10/10 crazy, and he'll be replacing the equally crazy Herman Baertschiger Jr., who led three Republican walkouts in the Senate.

• On Friday the 13th the City Club of Eugene is doing the first of two programs on the Holiday Farm Fire. To watch, check the City Club Facebook page at noon. Speakers will be Joe Moll, executive director of the McKenzie River Trust; Gordon Grant, USFS/OSU research hydrologist; and Jared Pruch, United Way of Lane County. Bravo to the City Club for carrying on with its important programs remotely while we all look forward to sitting in a room again and talking to each other.

• Once again, the BIPOC (Black Indigenous People of Color) community has shown America that if they want to elect a president, they will. As we watched the votes in Pennsylvania and Georgia roll in, it was the citizens of Philly and Atlanta who bridged the gap. Both cities have BIPOC populations that have been tormented by white American politicians for generations, and both populations decided to speak up and vote out a clear racist, hateful, dishonest man who never had any business being in the White House to begin with. So BIPOC people, who have been overwhelming victims of Joe Biden's Crime Bill of 1994, helped deliver him to the White House, so where does that leave us? Will he remove qualified immunity? Will he go back and arrest the people who murdered Breonna Taylor? Will he at least give us some COVID-19 relief? We shall see. One thing is obvious though: If BIPOC people want to put one of their own in the White House, they will.





### **ACTIVITIES:**

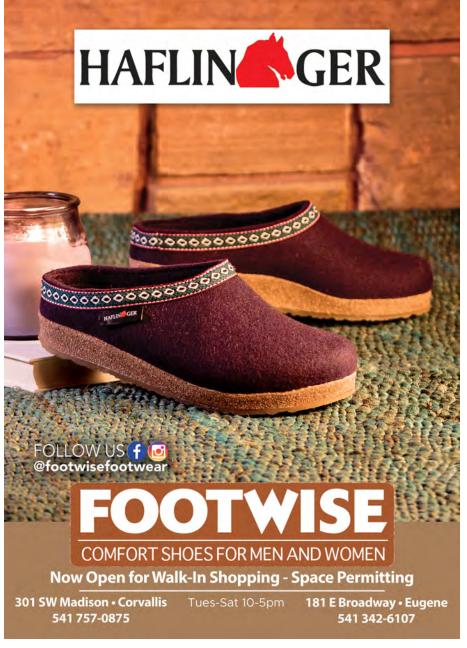
- Order takeout from a University District restaurant and share a photo
  - Visit a University District business and share a photo
    - Share a photo of the Blue Heron sculpture
  - Share a photo from last year's Community Welcome block party



\*The University District includes all businesses west of campus between Kincaid St.

and Patterson St. and East 14th Ave. and East 12th Ave. No purchase necessary to enter. Only one post per completed
activity will be counted as an entry. Posts must be made on public social media accounts to be tallied.

Five (5) winners will be randomly selected on or around 11/23/2020.



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# 2020-2021

e're going to be honest: 2020 has been exhausting. This year has seen a global pandemic, ongoing protests against police brutality and wildfires that ravaged our state. Throughout all this, the community has risen up to help each other out. So here's our issue that celebrates the businesses, restaurants and people that make the Eugene area so great.

As always, we asked readers what they thought about us. You're glad that this newspaper can still be free and have an events calendar, but to others that's not good enough. They think we need to ramp up our reporting to more than once a week. To them, I say visit Eugene-Weekly.com where we post things like public meeting reporting, breaking news and other stories. (It's like the deleted scenes feature that is popular with the now archaic DVD format.)

Of course, we wouldn't be doing a good job if everyone loved us. One "worst" thing about *EW* is that we're too liberal (but not left enough for some) and someone isn't happy with editor Camilla Mortensen's sarcasm. However, we feel for the one person annoyed that they can't collage the horoscope because the crossword puzzle is on the other side.

Although everyone should be a Best Of winner, we don't have enough ink and paper. But what we do have is infinite space on the internet. Head over to EugeneWeekly. com (does a Beetlejuice-like figure appear if we say it one more time?) to read about more of the Best Of winners, and to find out who our staff picks are - you know, the  $things\,that\,our\,staff\,can't\,shut\,up\,about.-Henry\,Houston$ 

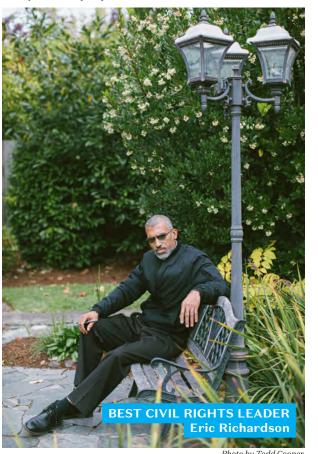
### BEST POLITICIAN

- 1. Peter DeFazio Representative, U.S. Congress.
- 2. Kate Brown Oregon governor.
- 3. Isiah Wagoner former Eugene mayoral write-in candidate.

### BEST CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER

- 1. Eric Richardson NAACPLaneCounty.org.
- 2. Isiah Wagoner, Isiah Wagoner.com.
- 3. Clea Ibrahim (Black Unity) Black\_Unity on Facebook.

This year, Black Lives Matter protests in Eugene and across the U.S. drew much-deserved attention to the injustices African Americans have long lived under in this country, and that attention is reflected in Best of Eugene this year with people like live streamer Tre Stewart win-



ning several categories as well as Clea Ibrahim of Black Unity and Isiah Wagoner pulling in top votes for best civil rights leader. Eugene-Springfield NAACP Executive Director Eric Richardson's win in this category reflects not only his longtime local work on racial injustice, environmental justice and more, but is also a reflection of the work that the NAACP has been doing in this country for more than a century. — Camilla Mortensen

### BEST TEACHER/PROFESSOR

- 1. Leah Dunbar Churchill High School.
- 2. Julie Bounds Sheldon High School.
- 3. **Daniel Gallo** South Eugene High School.

### BEST ANIMAL ADVOCATES

- 1. **Greenhill Humane Society** 88530 Green Hill Rd. 541-689-1503. Green-Hill.org.
- 2. Cascade Raptor Center 32275 Fox Hollow Rd. 541-485-1320. CascadesRaptorCenter.org.
- 3. Lucky Paws Dog Rescue 2053 Laura St. 541-246-8070. LuckyPawsSite.org.

### BEST NONPROFIT

- 1. **CAHOOTS** (Crisis Assistance Helping Out On The Streets) 341 E. 12th Ave. 541-342-8255. WhiteBirdClinic. org/Cahoots.
- 2. FOOD For Lane County 770 Bailey Hill Rd. 541-343-2822. FoodforLaneCounty.org.
- 3. Greenhill Humane Society 88530 Green Hill Rd. 541-689-1503. Green-Hill.org.

In a year where CAHOOTS has been in the national spotlight, it only seems fitting that the crisis intervention program would win for best nonprofit and best program for the homeless. Alongside the beloved organization, Program Coordinator Ebony Morgan receives the title of best health care worker. For Morgan, this work is everything.

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"To be a part of a successful mental and health care program and to be able to provide crisis intervention everywhere is a really powerful thing." She says it is also inspiring that people across the country are looking to CAHOOTS as a successful model for helping people in the community in need. Last year, the program responded to more than 24,000 calls and called for police backup only 250 times.

"People notice this work and it's really inspiring because it's promoting a humanistic approach and recognizing everyone around us is our neighbor," Morgan says. "To be a part of that now is really exciting."

As a nurse, Morgan says she was offered a job at a local hospital but turned it down because the work CAHOOTS does spoke to her more.

"It's great to pour into the community and have them recognize that," Morgan says. - Taylor Perse

### **BEST PROGRAM** FOR THE HOMELESS

- 1. CAHOOTS 341 E. 12th Ave. 541-342-8255. White-BirdClinic.org/Cahoots.
- 2. Eugene Mission 1542 W. 1st Ave. 541-344-3251. EugeneMission.org.
- 3. **St. Vincent de Paul** 555 High St. 541-344-2115; 100 E. 11th Ave. 541-868-0200. SVdP.us.

### BEST RECREATION SPACE

- 1. **Mount Pisgah** 34901 Frank Parrish Rd. 541-747-3817. MountPisgahArboretum.org.
- 2. Ridgeline Trail System
- 3. **Alton Baker Park** 100 Day Island Rd. 541-682-4800. Eugene-Or.Gov/AltonBakerPark.

### **BEST THING ABOUT EUGENE**

- 1. Green Spaces
- 2. Community
- 3. Trees

### BEST THING ABOUT SURVIVING **COVID-19 IN LANE COUNTY**

- 1. Parks, trails and open spaces
- 2. Being alive/not dead
- 3. Being close to nature





This is the first - and, god willing - the last year this category for surviving COVID-19 will exist. To hell with it. The winner, however, a worthy winner if I do say as a COVID survivor myself, is parks, trails and open spaces. Yes, it beat out being alive/not dead to take home the grand prize, which may surprise a few, but what is being alive worth if we can't enjoy the little things in life?

The better half of quarantine as I call it, or the first couple months of living in a pandemic world, was a time of extreme isolation. Restaurants were closed, bars were closed, people were actually following social distancing measures and we are all hiding out in our caves we call our homes and apartments. But what made it better was the meditative state of trekking away from our isolated holes and into the idyllic Lane County springtime nature where we could take stock of the important things in life.

While my first time back to running after having COVID on Pre's Trail only lasted a mile and a half because my lungs still didn't work, the sunset from Knickerbocker Bridge was a reminder of why I was lucky to be alive. Imagine those views and beautiful spaces when we get through this mess: That nod to the oncoming runner, petting a stranger's dog or even having a smoke with a stranger by the river; the audacity to be stupid and worry-free in the fairy-nymph wonderland we call our home. — Jack Forrest

### **BEST PHOTOGRAPHER**

- 1. Athena Delene Delene.co.
- 2. **Tre Stewart** BoopTroopEugene.com.
- 3. **Ashley Fenison** AshleyFenison.net.

### **BEST JOURNALIST**

a photographer.

- 1. **Tre Stewart** Boop Troop Eugene
- 2. Camilla Mortensen Eugene Weekly 3. Tatiana Parafiniuk-Talesnick The Register-Guard
- Tre Stewart describes himself as "string cheese," saying he gets pulled in so many directions. And that makes sense for the DJ and journalist who developed recognition in the community by live streaming protests. Stewart also won second place for best photographer, though he was a little confused by that nomination being that he isn't

"It feels pretty good to have people recognize the work I put in," Stewart says. He became a well known figure after he started filming the Black Lives Matter movement in Eugene. Now, he is known during the weekdays as "Boop Daddy," hitting the streets to live stream protests for Boop Troop Eugene. On Sunday nights, he becomes DJ Stoggrd at Cowfish in downtown Eugene. As bars open up, Stewart looks forward to playing more gigs.

Living this double life has been difficult for Stewart. There are long hours, late nights and violence. "It's been stressful, exciting, happy, sad," he says. "It's been a lot because of everything we've experienced and the name we've made for ourselves."

Best Of voters also recognized  ${\it EW}$  editor Camilla Mortensen and Register-Guard reporter Tatiana Parafiniuk-Talesnick for best journalist, no doubt because of their work of producing quality community journalism. Taylor Perse

### BEST DJ (CLUB)

- 1. DJ Stoggrd (Tre Stewart)
- 2. **Ella Trash** EllaTrashAndTheGoods.com.
- 3. Sapphire Strange

### BEST DJ (RADIO)

- 1. *Val Steele* 101.5 US101, 104.7 KDUK.
- 2. Liz and Reiley Mix 94.5 FM, KMGE.
- 3. Downtown Deb (Deb Trist) KLCC.

For nearly 27 years, Val Steele's voice has been on local radio waves in Eugene. She started spinning Top 40 hits on  $KDUK, but \, three \, and \, a \, half \, years \, ago \, she \, was \, a \, part \, of \, the \,$ launching of the "hot country" music station US101. Going from Post Malone to Miranda Lambert seems like a weird switch, but Steele says the 18-49 demographics are still similar and nowadays people have diverse musical tastes.

Steele has been on the radio so long that she says she recently received a message from a longtime listener who remembered as a teen how she called Steele to request a song by hip-hop artist Eminem about his mom. Since most Eminem songs about his mom aren't appropriate as a loving tribute, Steele says the listener thought the memory was funny and had to share.

Because of her work as a DJ, Steele says being a part of people's lives is the coolest part of the job. At US101. Steele says, though the station is owned by Bicoastal Media, it still has the power to play whatever songs it wants — a rarity as radio stations in other markets deal with corporate-approved music. She adds Bicoastal Media is like a "mom and pop" business that allows the stations to pivot when necessary, as they did when wildfires hit Lane County and started raising money to help out the community. — Henry Houston

### BEST ACTOR/ACTRESS

- 1. **Storm Kennedy** StormKennedy.com.
- $2. \ \textit{Tom Wilson}\ Facebook.com/Tom.Wilson. 104855.$
- 3. Bill Hulings Facebook.com/Bill.Hulings.

It's starting to look like Eugene has found its perfect

With her decisive first-place win in this year's best actor/actress category, Storm Kennedy has taken a hat trick, having also won the category in 2019 and 2018.

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That's quite an accomplishment, considering she hasn't performed live on a conventional stage — yes, the pandemic — since spring 2019, when she played the lead role of Margie in a wildly successful production of David Lindsay-Abaire's *Good People* at Oregon Contemporary Theatre.

But the effervescent Kennedy hasn't exactly calmed down. Over the summer she continued to take part in small, COVID-safe outdoor readings of plays such as *Love, Loss, and What I Wore* and *The Cemetery Club* with an informal group in Albany.

At one recent reading, she says, 28 socially distanced audience members sat in a private backyard. "Everyone wore masks, except the actors," she says. "But it was so heartwarming to be able to keep doing what we love to do. That's what theater does."

Besides those readings, though, she hasn't even been to an audition in 2020. "There aren't any," she says. "I don't know when I'm going to be able to act again."  $-Bob\,Keefer$ 

#### **BEST DRAG QUEEN**

- 1. Slutashia (Sam Thrower) Facebook.com/Slutashia.
- 2. **Karress Ann Slaughter (Cornel Hardiman)**Facebook.com/GlamazonsEugene.
- 3. **Trai La Trash** Facebook.com/MsTraiLaTrash.

"When you see a Slutashia show, you are going to see a live performance," says Slutashia, aka Sam Thrower. Slutashia is a drag queen, rapper and singer-songwriter, and while she hasn't performed live since before the pandemic, Slutashia says she's been spending time writing new music, and you can see her perform on her YouTube channel (Youtube.com/Slutashia). The videos she posts show off her hip hop and vocal skills as well as her vibrant, over-the-top outfits, and luscious hair and makeup. She's been a drag queen since 2015, she says.

Karress Ann Slaughter, a perennial favorite local performer and Best of Eugene top finisher, sashays into second this year, with Trai La Trash rounding out the top three.

Drag shows feature humor, often salacious, fabulous makeup and costuming, as well as dancing and lip-synching, or in Slutashia's case, rap and singing. Eugene-Springfield is home to a vibrant and diverse drag scene that has been quieted but not quelled by COVID-19.

Pre-pandemic Slutashia performed at Spectrum and Cowfish, and says, "I miss the audience," and the feeling of making the crowd feel the music and the vibe. "I'm looking forward to live performance." — Camilla Mortensen

### BEST LOCAL THEATER COMPANY

- 1. **Very Little Theatre** 2350 Hilyard St. 541-344-7751. The VLT.com.
- 2. **Oregon Contemporary Theatre** 194 W. Broadway. 541-465-1506. OCTheatre.org.
- 3. Actors Cabaret Eugene 996 Willamette. 541-683-4368. ActorsCabaret.ora.

One of the coolest things about Very Little Theatre — which has a lot of cool going for it — is that postwar building. It's a quonset hut made of wood, and it envelopes you with warmth and friendliness from the moment you enter the hall, and if the sight lines aren't perfect in the front rows, well, VLT is in the process of fixing that.

But what makes any theater a success is the quality of its work, and VLT shines with the best in town, from serious drama to fast-moving farce to the recent creation of Minority Voices Theatre, which is bringing new energy into local performance.

Like nearly every other live theater company in the country, VLT has been shut down during the pandemic. They still need your support. Keep up with them online



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### BEST EVENT VENUE

- 1. Cuthbert Amphitheater 2300 Leo Harris Pkwy. 541-762-8099. The Cuthbert.com.
- 2. Hult Center for the Performing Arts 1 Eugene Ctr. 541-682-5000. HultCenter.org.
- $3.\ \textit{WOW Hall}$  (Community Center for the Performing Arts) 291 W. 8th Ave. 541-687-2746. WOWHall.org.

### BEST LOCAL BAND

- 1. High Step Society HighStepSociety.com.
- 2. JD Miller & Broken Heart Rodeo Facebook.com/ JDMillerandBHR.
- 3. Upstate Quartet UpstateQuartet.com.

### BEST SINGER-SONGWRITER

- 1. Halie Loren HalieLoren.com.
- 2. Savelle tha Native Find on Facebook.
- 3. Betty (Bettreena) Jaeger BaroqueBetty.com.

### **BEST ARTIST**

- 1. Shanna Trumbly ShannaTrumbly.com.
- 2. Ila Rose IlaRoseArt.com.
- 3. Jud Turner JudTurner.com.

### **BEST CLASSICAL MUSIC GROUP**

- 1. **Eugene Symphony** 115 W. 8th Ave. #115. 541-687-9487. EugeneSymphony.org.
- 2. Oregon Mozart Players 317 Goodpasture Island Rd. Ste A. 541-345-6648. OregonMozartPlayers.org.
- 3. Delgani String Quartet 541-650-5040. Delgani.org.

Eugene may never know how lucky it is to have Francesco Lecce-Chong leading the Eugene Symphony. Over the few years he's been in Eugene he's brought contagious enthusiasm for classical music to the Willamette Valley and made classical music cool again.

Though COVID-19 threw a wrench in every musical group's plans, Lecce-Chong found a way to continue the mission of bringing music to Eugene patrons via social media. Classical music has a reputation for gatekeeping everyday listeners away, but with outreach during the pandemic Lecce-Chong has continued to chip away at that bad image by making the art form more accessible through explaining concepts and breaking down musical

Before COVID-19 changed the performing arts, the Eugene Symphony found ways of packing the Hult Center. I've only seen every seat filled in the Silva Concert Hall a few times, and Eugene Symphony's performance of  $A\ New$ Hope, aka the original 1977 Star Wars film, is one of those events. By performing the John Williams blockbuster scores along with the corresponding movie, the Eugene Symphony found a gold mine to not only sell tickets but also to present an orchestra to new audiences. When the  $pandemic\ is\ over, I\ hope\ Lecce-Chong, who\ worked\ as\ an$ assistant for Williams at one time, considers a concert of only Williams' Star Wars work because his compositions  $are \, as \, good-if \, not \, better-than \, the \, movies \, themselves.$ - Henry Houston

### **BEST BURGER**

- 1. Cornucopia 295 W. 17th Ave. 541-485-2300; 207 E. 5th Ave. Ste. 109, 541-485-2676; 521 Main St., Springfield, 541-485-2879. CornucopiaEugene.com.
- 2. Killer Burger 50 W. Broadway. 541-636-4731. KillerBurger.com.
- 3. Northwest Burger 296 E. 5th Ave. #220. 541-485-9176. NWBurgers.com.

### **BEST FRENCH FRIES**

1. Cornucopia 295 W 17th Ave. 541-485-2300; 207 E. 5th Ave. Ste. 109; 541-485-2676; 521 Main St.,

Springfield, 541-485-2879. CornucopiaEugene.com.

- 2. McMenamin's (all of them) 1243 High St. 541-345-4905; 22 Club Rd. 541-343-5622; 1485 E. 19th Ave. *342-4025. McMenamins.com.*
- 3. Little Big Burger 1404 Orchard St. 541-357-4771. LittleBigBurger.com.

On election night, I decided to treat myself to a Corny Reuben and French fries. It was a risk because there are some locations in Eugene that some people avoid after the 2016 election. But after reviewing some of the finest French fries in Eugene-Springfield last year, I thought I'd settle my nerves with some fries from Cornucopia because Eugene Weekly readers say it's the best. I don't say this often, but the readers are right. Cornucopia's fries have body and character — they're so good that I didn't need a heavy pool of hot sauce and mustard. As election night went on, I felt OK as the swing states showed Trump in the lead. It's too bad I didn't have a basket of these fries  $back in 2016.-Henry \, Houston$ 

### BEST LATIN AMERICAN FOOD

- 1. **Tacovore** 530 Blair Blvd. 541-735-3518. TacovorePNW.com.
- 2. Mama Mayra's Kitchen 764 Blair Blvd. 541-606-1823. Find on Facebook.
- 3. **1960 Cocina** 1810 Willamette. 541-345-6947. 1960Cocing. Business. site.

### **BEST ITALIAN FOOD**

- 1. Beppe and Gianni's Trattoria 1646 E. 19th Ave. 541-683-6661. BeppeAndGiannis.net.
- $2. \textit{\textit{Mazzi's Italian Restaurant}} \ 3377 \, E. \, Amazon \, Dr.$ 541-687-2252. Mazzis.com.
- 3. Placido's Pasta Shop 120 Shelton McMurphey Blvd. #110, 458-205-8092. Placidos.com.

### BEST VEGETARIAN/VEGAN

- 1. Café Yumm! 860 E. 13th Ave. 541-349-9866; 1801 Willamette. 541-686-9866; 130 Oakway Ctr. 541-465-9866. CafeYumm.com.
- 2. Morning Glory 450 Willamette. 541-687-0709. MorningGloryEugene.com.
- 3. Cornbread Cafe 1290 W. 7th Ave. 541-505-9175. Cornbread Cafe.com.

### **BEST THAI**

- 1. **Ta Ra Rin** 1200 Oak St. 541-343-1230; 1520 Coburg Rd. 541-844-1032; 1410 Mohawk, Springfield, 541-505-8987. TaRaRinThai.com.
- 2. **Sabai** 27 Oakway Ctr. 541-654-5424. SabaiCafe.com.
- 3. Tasty Thai 1308 Hilyard St. 541-343-0165.



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- 1. (Tie) *Kung Fu Bistro* 2560 Willamette. 541-968-9258. Facebook.com/KungFuBistroEugene.
- 1. (Tie) **Bao Bao House** 868 W. Park St. 541-799-1088. BaoBaoHouseOR.com.
- 2. **Lok Yaun** 3000 W 11th Ave. 541-345-7448. Find on Facebook.
- 3. **Twin Dragon** 919 River Rd. 541-688-5481. Twin-Dragon-Restaurant.com.

### **BEST SUSHI**

- 1. **Izumi Sushi and Grill** 2773 Shadow View Dr. 541-683-1201. IzumiSushiEugene.com.
- 2. Akira 359 Mill St. 458-205-8288. Instagram.com/ Akira Omakase.
- 3. **Sushi Pure** 259 E. 5th Ave. 541-654-0608. SushiPureEugene.com.

Before the pandemic, when Izumi was my Sunday night happy hour special go-to, I met up with a friend who used to do sushi restaurant reviews for magazines in Moscow. Turns out Russians are big on sushi. Under her guidance we'd always start with the Izumi Roll (krab, avocado cucumber topped with salmon) and then experiment with the other rolls on the menu, never going wrong. I'd sip the house hot saki and she'd have tea, and we'd chat for hours. While I miss those evenings, they are not entirely gone. Now we drop by, pick up the sushi to go, and eat it six feet apart in my yard. I miss those cozy evenings and the wait staff always willing to make sure we got the perfect salmon on our roll, but the sushi tastes just as good outside. Who knew sushi was comfort food? — Camilla Mortensen



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#### BEST PIZZA

- 1. **Coburg Pizza Co.** 90999 S. Willamette, Coburg, 541-484-6600; 1710 Centennial Blvd., Springfield. 541-484-6600. CoburaPizza.com.
- 2. **Mezza Luna** 933 Pearl St. 541-684-8900; 2776 Shadow View, 541-743-2999; 115 S. 5th St., Springfield, 541-653-8661. MezzaLunaPizzeria.com.
- 3. Sizzle Pie 910 Willamette, 541-683-7437. SizzlePie.com.

For the second straight year Coburg Pizza tops the list of Lane County's best pizzas. Coburg's slogan, "Pizza Reimagined," is a fitting one. Whether it's the New York City reuben's tangy sauerkraut or the smoked salmon covering the wild Alaska salmon bake, Coburg Pizza is bound to please with its dizzying array of toppings. Picky or adventurous, the deep menu provides excellent options for any pizza-lover. Combine the experimental pies with a friendly staff, outdoor patio, and variety of draft beers and there's the reason readers say Coburg Pizza Company is the best pizza. Mezza Luna's simple, consistent New York-style slides in as runner up while Sizzle Pie and its late-night charm and easy-breezy by the slice experiences brings up the rear at number three. — Shane Hoffman

### **BEST DOUGHNUTS**

- 1. **Voodoo Doughnut** 20 E. Broadway. 541-868-8666. VoodooDoughnut.com.
- 2. **Dizzy Dean's Donuts** 2380 W. IIth Ave. 541-683-3505. OrderDizzyDeansDonuts.com.
- 3. Cal's Donut and Pastry 2091 River Rd. 541-461-3838. Find on Facebook.

### **BEST PHO**

- 1. **Bon Mi** 153 E. Broadway, 541-505-9349. 849 E. 13th Ave. 541-650-6129. BonMiEugene.com.
- 2. **Pho The Good Times** 2729 Shadow View Dr. 541-357-4971. PhoGT.com.
- 3. **Tam's Place Vietnamese Cuisine** 2777 Friendly St. 541-214-0562. Find on Facebook.

Seeking shelter from a bitter storm whipping through

downtown Eugene, I found myself huddled in an odd sort of place. With the look of a Vietnamese sub shop, Bon Mi lives up to its name; incredible banh mi sandwiches, but most importantly, time tested pho.

On a trip to Bon Mi, you may not receive the traditional fixings or style of the Vietnamese-French cuisine because owner Yun Bigot is Korean American. However, she says when living in L.A. she found herself in the heart of the Vietnamese neighborhoods, eating their food and soaking up their culture like a sponge. Considering the origins of Vietnamese cuisine came from the splice of traditional ingredients and French colonization, Yun is keeping the spirit of the vietnamese fusion alive.

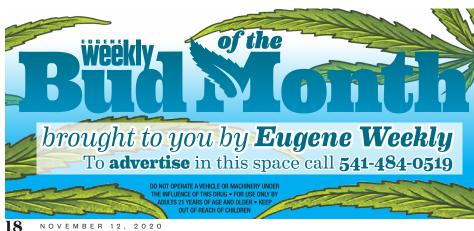
After moving to Eugene, the cold weather provided Yun the perfect business venture — to take what she learned and give the city of Eugene great pho. She crafts all the recipes and spares nothing in her process. For the longest time she says she wouldn't even let others make the soup, until she finally felt comfortable with a cook that would accomplish the level of culinary perfection she had landed upon. Just as she planned, only eight years later, I found sanctuary from the cold with a phenomenal cup of pho. — Malachi Murphy

### **BEST BAR**

- 1. **Sam Bond's Garage** 407 Blair Blvd. 541-431-6603. SamBonds.com.
- 2. **Jackalope Lounge** 453 Willamette, 541-485-1519. JackalopeLounge.com.
- 3. **Party Downtown Bar** 64 W. 8th Ave. 541-345-8228. PartyEugene.com.

### BEST COFFEE

- 1. **Wandering Goat** 268 Madison St. 541-344-5161. WanderingGoat.com.
- 2. **Dutch Bros** DutchBros.com.
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- 1. Wandering Goat 268 Madison St. 541-344-5161. Wandering Go at. com.
- 2. Vero Espresso 205 E. 14th Ave. 541-654-0504. VeroEspressoHouse.com.
- 3. **Dutch Bros** DutchBros.com.

### BEST HOT WINGS

- 1. Hot Mama's Wings 420 W. 13th Ave. 541-653-9999. HotMamasWings.com.
- 2. **Toxic Wings** 943 River Rd. 2766 W. 11th Ave. 1395 University St. 541-689-9464. ToxicWings.com.
- 3. Chicken Bonz 1815 Pioneer Pkwy E., Springfield. 541-726-0111. ChickenBonz.com.

### **BEST KOMBUCHA**

- 1. Brew Dr. Kombucha 41 W. Broadway. 541-654-4284. BrewDrKombucha.com.
- 2. BNF Kombucha & Jun 2495 Prairie Rd., Unit A. 541-653-9816. BNFKombucha.com.
- 3. Humm 541-306-6329. HummKombucha.com.

### **BEST COMFORT FOOD**

- 1. Black Wolf Supper Club 454 Willamette. 541-687-8226. Find on Facebook.
- 2. Brail's Restaurant 1689 Willamette. 541-343-1542. Find on Facebook.
- 3. Cornucopia 295 W. 17th Ave. 541-485-2300; 207 E. 5th Ave. Ste. 109, 541-485-2676; 521 Main St., Springfield, 541-485-2879. CornucopiaEugene.com.

Nothing screams comfort food more than Southern fried chicken. At Black Wolf Supper Club, located in the Market District of Eugene, a pared-down menu of fried  $chicken\, and\, other\, Creole\, favorites\, -\, from\, collard\, greens$ to shrimp and grits — is available for take-out. Although the cuisine is Southern-inspired, the restaurant also draws influence from French and Japanese fare.



### "We never want to paint ourselves into a corner," says

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owner Mikey Lawrence. Lawrence and co-owner Edgar Arellano took over

the restaurant in January 2019, after originally opening the space with chef Brendan Mahaney of Belly Taqueria.

The duo aimed to create a spot for a "cozy, party environment," says Lawrence, complete with an impressive array of artwork on the walls. Most of the art at Black Wolf is commissioned specifically for the restaurant, some by local tattoo artists and others from painters around the world. Lawrence and Arellano's youth spent skateboarding is reflected in the brightly colored skate decks lining the walls.

Black Wolf Supper Club is currently only available for take-out orders. Lawrence feels that opening the normally boisterous and loud restaurant at half capacity would feel a bit like "popping champagne in an empty locker room."

"For now, we are focusing on just the food," Lawrence says.

The hearty, casual cuisine is available for pick-up. - Emily Topping

### BEST HANGOVER BREAKFAST

- 1. Brail's Restaurant 1689 Willamette. 541-343-1542. Find on Facebook.
- 2. Morning Glory 450 Willamette. 541-687-0709. Morning Glory Eugene.com.
- $3. \ \textbf{Glenwood Restaurant} \ 1340 \ Alder \ St. \ 54l- \\$ 687-0355; 2588 Willamette. 541-687-8201. GlenwoodRestaurants.com.

### **BEST DESSERTS**

- 1. Sweet Life Patisserie 755 Monroe St. 541-683- $5676.\ Sweet Life Desserts. com.$
- 2. Noisette 200 W. Broadway, 541-654-5257. NoisettePK.com.
- 3. Prince Pücklers 1605 E. 19th Ave. 541-344-4418. PrincePucklers.com.

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- 1. Sweet Life Patisserie 755 Monroe St. 541-683-5676. SweetLifeDesserts.com.
- 2. **Noisette** 200 W. Broadway, 541-654-5257.
- 3. Hideaway Bakery 3377 E. Amazon Dr. 541-868-1982. HideawayBakery.com.

### **BEST FOOD CART**

- 1. **Da Nang** 488 Lincoln St. 541-915-0144. DaNangEatery.com.
- 2. IRIE Jamaican Kitchen 1845 W. 11th Ave. 541-833-0351. NoisettePK.com.
- 3. Tam's Place Vietnamese Cuisine 2777 Friendly St. 541-214-0562. Find on Facebook.

### **BEST BEER**

- 1. Ninkasi 272 Van Buren St. 541-344-2739. NinkasiBrewing.com.
- 2. Hop Valley 990 W. Ist Ave., Eugene; 980 Kruse Way. Springfield. 541-485-BEER. HopValleyBrewing.com.
- 3. **Oakshire** 207 Madison St. 541-654-5520. OakBrew.

### **BEST WINE**

- 1. Sweet Cheeks Winery 27007 Briggs Hill Rd. 541- $349\text{-}9463. \ Sweet Cheeks Winery. com.$
- 2. King Estate 80854 Territorial Hwy. 541-685-5189. KingEstate.com.
- 3. Sarver Vineyard 25600 Mayola Ln. 541-935-2979. SarverWinery.com.

### **BEST DISTILLERY**

- 1. Heritage Distilling Company 110 Madison St. 541-357-4431. HeritageDistilling.com.
- 2. Thinking Tree Spirits 88 Jackson St. 541-515-6993. ThinkingTreeSpirits.com.
- 3. Swallowtail Spirits 111 Main St. Springfield. 541-357-5951. Swallow Tail Spirits.com.

Based out of Gate Harbor, Washington, Heritage Distillers operates its third location in Eugene, focusing on rum production. "We focus on raw materials from our area," says manager Jessica Reeves. Heritage distills several variations of vodka, gin, bourbon, whiskey, rye and rum at its different locations, but its best seller is Brown Sugar Bourbon. The Brown Sugar Bourbon won best flavored whiskey two years in a row at the World Whiskey Awards in London (2018-2019). During the COVID-19 era, Heritage also makes hand sanitizer.

Heritage's space is open, comfortable and professional with a large selection of spirits for purchase, as well as Tshirts, jackets, hats, glasses and other merchandise. At the beginning of COVID-19 they were retail only, however they have opened back up for cocktail service and the food cart Nosh serves bar food and snacks. — Chandlor Henderson

### **BEST MEAL UNDER \$10**

1. Café Yumm! Eugene: 860 E. 13th Ave. 541-3349-9866; 1801 Willamette. 541-686-9866; 130 Oakway Ctr. 541-465-9866. 1005 Green Acres Rd. 541-684-9866. Springfield: 3340 Gateway St. 541-747-9866; 3333





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- 2. *El Super Burrito* 2566 Willamette. 541-485-0619. Find on Facebook.
- 3. **Tacovore** 530 Blair Blvd. 541-735-3518; 2503 NW Kings Blvd. Corvallis. 541-360-3919. TacoVorePNW.com.

### **BEST COCKTAILS**

- 1. **Izakaya Meiji** 345 Van Buren St. 541-505-9349. IzakayaMeiji.com.
- 2. **The Vintage** 837 Lincoln St. 541-349-9181. EuaeneVintage.com.
- 3. **Party Downtown Bar** 55 W. Broadway. 541-345-8228. PartyEugene.com.

### **BEST MEAL OVER \$25**

- 1. **Izakaya Meiji** 345 Van Buren St. 541-505-9349. *IzakayaMeiji.com*.
- Cafe Soriah 384 W. 13th Ave. 541-342-4410. Soriah.com.
   Marché 296 E. 5th Ave. 541-342-3612.

  MarcheRestaurant.com.

### BEST SIT-DOWN RESTAURANT TO GO TO AFTER COVID

- 1. **Izakaya Meiji** 345 Van Buren St. 541-505-9349. *IzakayaMeiji.com*.
- 2. **Cornucopia** 295 W 17th Ave. 541-485-2300; 207 E 5th Ave. Ste. 109, 541-485-2676; 521 Main St., Springfield, 541-485-2879. CornucopiaEugene.com.
- 3. **Public House** 418 A St., Springfield. 541-246-8511. PublicHouseHub.com.

### BEST NEW RESTAURANT

- 1. **Straight Outta Soul Food** On hiatus, stay updated on Instagram.
- 2. The Better Living Room by Ninkasi 155 Blair Blvd. 541-735-9500. NinkasiBrewing.com.
- 3. **Bar Purlieu** 1530 Willamette. 458-201-7044. BarPurlieu.com.

### BEST BARTENDER

- 1. **Andrew Lathrop** Sam Bond's Garage (temporarily closed), 407 Blair Blvd. 541-431-6603. SamBonds.com. 2. **Chad Kushuba** Viking Braggot, 2490 Willamette, Ste. 6, 515-6314; 520 Commercial St. Unit F, 541-653-8371. DrinkViking.com.
- 3. **Cameron Turpin** Cornucopia, 295 W. 17th Ave. 541-485-2300, 207 E. 5th Ave. Ste. 109, 541-485-2676, 521 Main St., Springfield, 541-485-2879. CornucopiaEugene.com.

Oskaloosa, Iowa native, Sam Bond's Garage bar manager and Black Wolf Supper Club bartender Andrew Lanthrop is this year's best bartender. Because of COVID-19 Sam Bond's hasn't reopened after the original shutdown, but they say they are doing much needed renovations for when they reopen. In the meantime, Lanthrop is keeping himself as busy as he can, while missing his patrons and friends dearly. Black Wolf Supper Club is doing to-go only.

"It's been up and down for me since COVID-19. I am a new homeowner so it's given me time to work on some home projects," Lanthrop says. "I've always wanted to do woodworking so it's been nice to dabble a little. I still sit at my home bar and drink. But I'm a social person so I get bored. I've been doing a lot more stuff out in nature. I've done more hiking, biking, camping and swimming than I've done in years. But, he says, he misses the bar. He adds, "I'm also concerned about the financial fallout once this is all done, if it ever ends. I wish OLCC would have allowed for cocktails to-go, I think that could have been a big boost for bars." — Chandlor Henderson

### **BEST SERVER**

1. Shelby Dines Morning Glory Cafe, 450 Willamette St. 541-687-0709. MorningGloryEugene.com.
2. Ava Albrecht Cornucopia, 295 W. 17th Ave. 541-485-2300; 207 E. 5th Ave. Ste. 109, 541-485-2676; 521 Main St., Springfield, 541-485-2879. CornucopiaEugene.com.
3. Leia Allmon Uki Uki, 901 Pearl St. 541-687-4609. UkiUkiSushi.com.

### BEST PLACE FOR TAKEOUT

- 1. **Ta Ra Rin** 1200 Oak St. 541-343-1230; 1250 Coburg Rd. 541-844-1032; 1410 Mohawk Blvd., Springfield, 541-505-8987. TaRaRinThai.com.
- 2. **Café Yumm!** Eugene: 860 E 13th Ave. 541-3349-9866; 1801 Willamette. 541-686-9866; 130 Oakway Ctr. 541-465-9866. 1005 Green Acres Rd. 541-684-9866. Springfield: 3340 Gateway St. 541-747-9866; 3333 RiverBend Dr. 541-736-9866. Cafe Yumm.com.
- 3. **Tasty Thai** 1308 Hilyard. 541-343-0165. Tasty Thai Campus.com; 80 E. 29th Ave. 541-302-6444. Tasty Thai Kitchen.com.

### BEST OUT-OF-TOWN RESTAURANT (NOT IN EUGENE-SPRINGFIELD)

- 1. **Creswell Bakery** 182 S. 2nd St., Creswell, 541-895-5885. CreswellBakery.com.
- 2. **King Estate** 80854 Territorial Hwy., Lorane. 541-685-5189. KingEstate.com.
- 3. **Chief's** 91108 N. Willamette, Coburg. 541-342-3828. ChiefsBrewHouse.com.

### BEST COVID-ADAPTIVE EATERY

- 1. **Public House** 418 A St., Springfield, 541-895-5885. PublicHouseHub.com.
- 2. **Café Yumm** Eugene: 860 E. 13th Ave. 541-349-9866; 1801 Willamette. 541-686-9866; 130 Oakway Ctr. 541-465-9866; 1005 Green Acres Rd. 541-684-9866. Springfield: 3340 Gateway St. 541-747-9866; 3333 RiverBend Dr. 541-736-9866. Cafe Yumm.com.
- 3. Cider Station (Ciderlicious) 675 River Rd. Facebook.com/Ciderlicious.

### BEST INDIE BOOKSTORE

- 1. **Smith Family** 525 Willamette. 541-343-4717. SmithFamilyBookstore.com.
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- 1. *Pipeworks Studios* 133 W. Broadway. 541-393-3500. *Pipeworks.com*.
- 2. **CBT Nuggets** 1550 Valley River Dr. 541-284-5522. CBTNuggets.com.
- 3. **Palo Alto Software** 44 W Broadway #426. 541-683-6162. PaloAlto.com.

### **BEST BODY MOD BUSINESS**

- 1. **High Priestess** 525 E. 13th Ave. 541-343-3311; 210 W. 6th Ave. 541-342-6585. Find on Facebook.
- 2. **Area 51 Piercing and Tattoo** 3585 Main St., Springfield. 541-225-8635. Area-51Tattoo.com.
- 3. Northwest Tattoo 142 E. 13th Ave. 541-393-6570. NWTattoo.com.

### BEST MASSAGE OR PHYSICAL THERAPIST

- 1. **Footloose Massage** 35 W. 8th Ave. 541-686-4461. FootlooseMassage.com.
- 2. **Andrea Alric** Healing by Hand, 1505 Lincoln St. 541-600-5388. Facebook.com/AndreaHealingByHand.
- 3. **Megan Haug, LMT (Megan's Healing Hands)** 3575 Donald St. 541-465-4864. Facebook.com/ MegansHealingHands.

### BEST HEALTH CARE WORKER

- 1. **Ebony Caprice Morgan** program coordinator, CAHOOTS.
- 2. **Meredith Blair** surgical nurse, PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend.
- 3. **Luke Adler** Doctor of Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine, Luke Adler Healing.

### **BEST SECONDHAND SHOP**

- 1. **St. Vincent de Paul** Thrift store and organization headquarters at 2890 Chad Dr. 541-687-5820. Fifteen retail outlets in western Oregon include several thrift stores and a used-car lot in Eugene. SVDP.us.
- 2. **Buffalo Exchange** 131 E. 5th Ave. 541-687-2805. BuffaloExchange.com.
- 3. **SARA's Treasures** 871 River Rd. 541-607-8892. SARAsTreasures.org.

### BEST PLACE TO GET FIT

- 1. Outdoors
- 2. **Mount Pisgah** 34901 Frank Parrish Rd. 541-747-3817. MountPisgahArboretum.org.
- 3. **Eugene YMCA** 2055 Patterson St. 541-686-9622. EugeneYMCA.org.

### **BEST YOGA**

1. **Eugene Yoga** 3575 Donald St. 458-205-8378. Eugene Yoga.us.



2. **Everyday People Yoga** 352 W. 12th Ave. 541-782-8678. EpYogaEugene.com.

3. **Wild Light Yoga** 820 Charnelton St. 541-349-9642. WildLightYogaCenter.com.

### **BEST LOCAL FOOD MARKET**

- 1. Market of Choice MarketofChoice.com.
- 2. **Lane County Farmers Market** 8th Ave. & Oak St. 541-431-4923. LaneCountyFarmersMarket.org.
- 3. *Kiva Grocery Store* 125 W. 11th Ave. 541-342-8666. *KivaGrocery.com*.

### **BEST VETERINARIAN**

- 1. **Eugene Animal Hospital** 1432 Orchard St. 541-342-1178. EugeneAnimalHospital.net.
- 2. Echo Hollow Veterinary Hospital and Urgent Care 1980 Echo Hollow Rd., Ste. A, 541-844-1038. EchoHollowVet.com.
- 3. **VCA McKenzie Animal Hospital** 5303 Main St., Springfield, 541-747-3859. VCAHospitals.com.

### **BEST HAIR STYLIST**

- 1. **Jordin McDowell** Jordin Does Hair (Anomaly Hair Collective), 837 Monroe St. 503-544-0741. Anomaly Hair.com.
- 2. **Tina Rex** Amethyst Hair Studio, 1631 Oak St. 541-520-2268. Facebook.com/AmethystHairsSudio541.
- 3. **Amanda Nicole** 4247 Loft, 390 Lincoln St. Ste. 220, 541-515-6477. 4247Loft.com.

### BEST BARBERSHOP

- 1. American Traditional Barber Shop 23 E. Ilth Ave. 541-915-9613. Facebook.com/ AmericanTraditionalBarbershop.
- 2. **Tim's Trims** 27 W. 5th Ave. 541-393-6312. TimsTrims.com.
- 3. **Blessings Hair Design** 315 E. 13th Ave. 541-344-2994. BlessingsHairDesign.com.

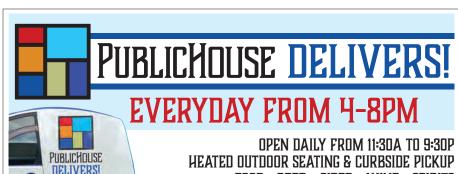
Brooklyn Damon opened American Traditional Barber Shop in 2014 to get out of the bartending world. He says it was an easy transition because in the bars people would have drunk debates and in a barbershop — well, the debates are still there, but they're somewhat sober at least. And he says the hospitality mentality is similar, too. A good environment for a haircut is to try and get people to forget about life while in the chair, Damon says. The easiest way to make that happen is with a beer or a shot of liquor — or a nonalcoholic drink.

Damon says he wants to make people feel welcome and safe. When the pandemic hit, he says he was the first shop to close down and didn't reopen until the county's Phase 2. Although Damon didn't get government COVID relief, he says he didn't raise prices, either. Despite the changes in the barbershop (like a beard trimming hiatus due to mask wearing), the barbershop has had 2,300 haircuts and zero COVID-19 positive cases. The shop has lost some clients after it put up a Black Lives Matter sign, but Damon says it's important to make people feel safe.

A welcoming barbershop is a place where hair is just

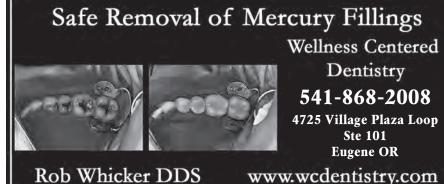






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hair, he adds, and he's trying to keep it open for the community. "At the end of the day, it wasn't about making all this money," Damon says. "It was the people." - Henry Houston

### **BEST OUTDOORSY STORE**

- 1. **Down to Earth** 532 Olive St. 541-342-6820. DownToEarthEugene.com.
- 2. Bi-Mart BiMart.com.
- 3. Backcountry Gear 1855 W. 2nd Ave. 541-485-5418. BackCountryGear.com.

### BEST BICYCLE SHOP

- 1. **Paul's Bicycle Way of Life** 556 Charnelton St. 541-344-4105. 2480 Alder St. 541-342-6155. BicycleWay.com.
- 2. Hutch's Bicycle 960 Charnelton St. 541-345-7521; 2100 Main St., Springfield, 541-741-2453. HutchsBicycles.com.
- 3. Arriving by Bike 2705 Willamette. 541-484-5410. ArrivingByBike.com.

### **BEST CANNABIS DISPENSARY**

- 1. *Moss Crossing* 2751 Friendly St. 541-636-3724. MossCrossing.com.
- 2. SpaceBuds The Dispensary 741 Lincoln St. 541-505-9834. SpaceBudsTheDispensaru.com.
- 3. Eugene OG 2045 Franklin Blvd. 541-505-7575. EugeneOG.com.

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 $Another thing the staff of Moss Crossing takes seriously is waste and pollution. \\ To$ combat this they have implemented a program that promotes recycling. "Cannabis created a lot of plastic waste, so we have a drop point for containers," Przybyla says. "If you bring in plastic from a cannabis product we donate \$.25 to one of three of our outreach projects. One of which is in collaboration with White Bird where we are working to free people incarcerated for cannabis convictions." - Chandlor Henderson



### BEST BUDTENDER

- 1. Katy Cote Higher Ground, 324 E. 12th Ave. No. 2. 541-636-3724. MossCrossing.
- 2. Kellianne Firnsin Higher Ground, 324 E. 12th Ave. No. 2. 541-393-6892. Find on
- $3. \ \textit{Tyler Banks} \ \textit{Moss Crossing}, \textit{2751 Friendly St. 541-636-3724}. \ \textit{MossCrossing.com}.$ Higher Ground Dispensary can be proud of its budtender Katy Cote for winning

this year's best budtender award. Considering herself a lifer in the industry, Cote says got her start in 2016, and the rest is history. While Cote is glad to be in Oregon where we have access to cannabis, she wishes it was more widely available.

"I would love for cannabis to be available nationally," Cote says. "It helps so many people and I would love for legalization to expand."

While she eventually wants to own a dispensary, she's just happy to be involved in any way. Cote adds, "Being a part of this is amazing, and I love it so much." — Chandlor Henderson

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### **GENERAL**

### LISTINGS ARE FREE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

#### ACTIVIST ALERTS

Thursday, Nov. 12: Fending Off Corporate & State Attempts to Silence Dissent 3-5pm. More info at CLDC. org.

Saturday, Nov. 14: Houseless Know Your Rights Training presented by CLDC w/ Remain Reclaim Rebuild, 2-4pm. More info at CLCD.org.

#### BENEFITS

Long Tom Watershed Council 2020 Annual Celebration and Fundraiser, all day Nov. 12 thru Nov. 17. More info at Longtom. org/celebration 2020

#### **HEALTH**

Zoom classes at YMCA.org.

Zoom workout classes at CrossFit. Email Contact@ CrossFitIntensify.com for

Workout classes at IAmForeverStrong.com.

Workout classes at Evolve Fitness Studios. More info at EvolveFitnessStudios Facebook page.

Yoga classes at EugeneYoga. us; WildLightYogaCenter com; EugeneMudra.com; HotYogaEugeneBalanced. com; YogaEugene.com

#### ONLINE ENTERTAINMENT

Oregon State Parks, Nature: Live in Your Family Room, OregonStateParks.org.

"Springfield Public Llbrary -Where Minds Grow," Spring-field Public Library YouTube

### ART EXHIBITS

Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, JSMA.Uoregon.edu.

New Zone Art Gallery Annex for the Holidays (thru Dec.), Dm3 Artist Studios & Gallery, 768 E. 13th Ave.

Block Play Reduction Lin ocuts by Connie Mueller & Wood Sculptures by Dale Mueller, thru Nov. 14, White Lotus Gallery.

Focus/Window Artist - An drea Peyton (thru Nov. 30), River Gallery, 184 S. Main St, Independence.

Featured Artist: Patrick Plaia, *Graves Of Rarotonga* (thru Dec. 1). PhotoZone Gallery, 22 W. 7th Ave.

David Simone: Cuba - An Outsider's View of Place and People (thru Nov. 14), Dot Dotson's.

Benefit Exhibit for First Step Solutions (thru Nov. 30), Silver Lining Boutique, 2217 Hwy. 101, Florence.

Eugene Contemporary art presents Reflections Space: Open video exhibition (thru Dec. 21), 5pm, Anti-Aesthetic, 245 W. 8th Ave.

### **MARKETS**

Tips for a Cause 2020 (virtual marketplace), Nov. 14 thru Dec. 3. More info at TFAC20.com.

Gifts from Makers, Artists & Bakers; a Holiday Market in Veneta (thru Dec. 14). noon-6pm, The Empori-um, 88170 Territorial Hwy,

### ONLINE LECTURES/CLASSES

Job Search Help by appointment at the downtown library. Call 541-686-7985 to schedule. Classes and programs online w/ Museum of Natural & Cultural History (UO), MNCH.Uoregon.edu.

Opportunities at Extension. OregonState.edu. Oregon State University Extension Service.

#### FAMILY/KIDS

Bilingual Storywalk at Ascot Park behind Monroe Middle School, everyday thru November. More info at Eugene Public Library (Eugene-or.gov/library).

### ONLINE PERFORMANCE

FANS on Relix.com. Some streams FREE, others cost. More info at Relix.com.

### **THURSDAY**

### NOVEMBER 12

#### **BENEFITS**

A Home for the Holidays Virtual Gala, 6pm. More info at Carrie@AFamilyForEveryChild.org.

ShelterCare Online Auction, 7pm Thursday thru 7pm Friday, Nov. 13. More info at ShelterCare.org.

### FILM

Springfilm Presents: Temple Grandin Film Discussion. 7pm. More info at Mriddle@ springfield-or.gov or at 541-726-2238

#### HEALTH

NAMI Support Zoom Group at NAMILane.org, 7pm. More info at NAMILane.org.

### LECTURES/CLASSES

Calming Yoga via Zoom, noon-1pm. RSVP at Vista-Psych.com.

Spread Peace, online sup port group, noon-1pm, RSVP at BethGreen.as.me.

Stay at Home Lecture Series w/ OSU College of Forestry, 3pm, Oregon-State.edu.

Jess Perlitz: "I Don't Want to Live on the Moon" (UO Dept. of Art Visiting Artist Lecture Series), 4pm. More info at ArtDesingn@uore-

SPA LCC Theater Thursdays (Directing Workshop), 5pm. Link at Lanecc.Zoom. us..

Starting a Meditation Practice, 6-7:30pm. More info at MeditateInEugene.org. \$2.

Hank Shreve & Skip Jones, 6pm, Mac's Nightclub & Restaurant.

Henry Cooper Trio, 6pm, Territorial Vineyard. St. Clair & Pabst, 7pm,

beergarden.

### ON THE AIR

"The Point," 9am, KOPV, 88.0 FM

"Arts Journal," 9pm, Comcast channel 29.

Thursday Night Jazz, 10pm, KLCC, 89.7 FM

### PERFORMANCE

Eugene Symphony Orchestra Quirky Thursdays, 5pm, Francesco Lecce-Chong Facebook page.

### RECREATION

Trivia w/ Elliot Martinez, 6-8pm, Covered Bridge Brewing Group, 926 E. Main St, Cottage Grove.

Trivia w/ Big Dan, 6:30-8:30pm, Viking Braggot Company, 520 Commercial St, Unit F.

#### SPIRITUAL

Zen Meditation, 7am, Blue Cliff Zen Ctr, 439 W. 2nd Ave.

### FRIDAY

NOVEMBER 13

### ARTS/CRAFTS

RO Prayer Flag Exhibit, 5-8pm, Oregon Art Supply, 1020 Pearl St. More info at Lanearts.NetworkforGood.

#### GATHERINGS

City Club of Eugene ("Fire on the River: Before, During and After the Holiday Farm"), noon, City Club Facebook page, then on the City Club YouTube page. Airs again Monday, Nov. 16 on KLCC, 89.7 FM

Food Not Bombs, cooking starts at noon (email EugeneFoodNotBombs@gmail. com for location), serves 4pm at Park Blocks next fo fountains.

Street Feed (ages 16-24), 5-7pm, Spectrum, 150 W. Broadway. More info at CoreEugene.org

### LECTURES/CLASSES

Eugene Public Library Foundation lecture series w/ Cherly Hartup, noon. Zoom link at EPLFoundation.org.

### MUSIC

Tim McLaughlin Trio, 6pm, Territorial Vineyards.

The Concrete Delta Trio 6:30pm, Mac's Nightclub & Restaurant.

Friday Night Folk Music Live-Stream, 7pm. More info at Kathryn Rose Celtic Folk Festival Facebook page.

### SPIRITUAL

Zen Meditation (instruction provided), 7-8pm, Zoom only at BlueCliffZen.org.

### SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14

### ART/CRAFT

Annie Heron Ceramics Holiday Sale, 11am-4pm, 2489 Emerald St.

Suma Elan's Holiday Open Studio, 11am-4pm, 2275 Columbia St.

### DANCE

Outdoor 90s vs 2000's, 7-10pm, Blairally, 245 Blair Blvd. \$3.

### FARMERS MARKETS

Lane County Farmers Market, 9am-3pm, Park Blocks, E,. 8th Ave. & Oak St.

### FILM

Eugene Public Library's NOIRvember Film Festival (Sudden Fear), 2pm Zoom conversation. Call library at 541-682-5450 for link.

### GATHERINGS

Burrito Brigade, 9:30am-3:30pm. More info at BurritoBrigade.org.

AAUW Eugene-Lane Branch Meeting: UO's SPICE Program, 10am-noon. More info at EugeneLane-or.aauw.net.

### LECTURES/CLASSES

Write, Revise, & Submit -Weekend Intensive, 1-5pm. More info at WordCrafters. org. \$249-279.

Come Write In for NaNoWriMo, 2-4pm, More info at Springfield-or.libcal.com.

Eugene Saturday Market, 10am-5pm, Park Blocks, E. 8th Ave. & Oak St.

#### MUSIC

Skip Jones & The Spirit of New Orleans, 6:30pm, Mac's Nightclub & Restaurant.

Geoffrey Mays, 6pm, Territorial Vineyards.

### ON THE AIR

The Dr. Yeti Show. 10pm-midnight, KOCF, 92.5 FM or streamed at KOCF. org.

The Institute of Spectra Sound, 10pm-midnight, KEPW, 97.3 FM

### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15

### ART/CRAFT

Annie Heron Ceramics Holiday Sale, 11am-4pm, 2489 Emerald St.

Suma Elan's Holiday Open Studio, 11am-4pm, 2275 Columbia St.

### **GATHERINGS**

Burrito Brigade, 11am-4pm. More info at BurritoBrigade. org.

Brewers Guild Bingo, 3-6pm, Covered Bridge Brewing Group, 926 .E Main St, Cottage Grove. \$1.

#### HEALTH

Occupy Medical, noon-4pm, 1717 Centennial Blvd, Springfield.

#### LECTURES/CLASSES

Weekly Guided Meditation and Dharma Talk w/ Tulku Jigme Rinpoche Zoom Event, 10am-noon, Online,

Write, Revise, & Submit -Weekend Intensive, 1-5pm. More info at WordCrafters org. \$249-279.

### SPIRITUAL

Zen Meditation, 4:30pm Blue Cliff Zen Ctr, 439 W. 2nd Ave.

Eugene Insight Meditation via Zoom, 6:30pm, Eugene-Insight.com.

### MONDAY NOVEMBER 16

### HEALTH

Connection Peer Support Group at NAMILane.org, 7pm. RSVP at NAMILane

**GATHERINGS** Granny Rocks, 6:30pm. RSVP at BethGreen.as.me.

### KIDS/FAMILY

Free Origami Kit, all day at any Eugene Public Library location. Call library at 541-682-5450 for more info.

### LECTURES/CLASSES

Musical Mondays (music education videos), 10am, Eugene Symphony Orchestra Facebook page.

Lunchtime Meditation, noon-12:30pm. More info at MeditateInEugene.org.

Reducing Anxiety through Meditation, 6-7:30pm. More info at MeditateInEugene.

### TUESDAY NOVEMBER 17

### COMEDY

Amusedays (Comedy open mic), 8pm, Luckey's Club.

### KIDS/FAMILY

Family Story time w/ Eugene Public Library, 11am, Eugene Public Library Facebook page.

### LECTURES/CLASSES

Lunchtime Meditation, noon-12:30pm. More info at MeditateInEugene.org.

Free Kids Movement and Mindfulness Class, 3-3:45pm. More info at VistaPsych.com

Enabling Regenerative Agriculture, 5pm, More info at SoilSymposium2020.org.

Lamrim Practice, 6-7:30pm More info at MeditateInEugene.org. \$2.

rEV Up!, workshop to educate about electric cars, 7pm, RevupEugene.org.

### LITERARY ARTS

Windfall Reading Series: Austin Gray & Shirley
Perez-West, 6pm, Eugene
Public Library YouTube. Call
library at 541-682-5450 for
more info.

### MUSIC

Karaoke w/ Caught in the act Entertainment, 5pm, Covered Bridge Brewing Group.

#### SPIRITUAL

Zen Meditation, 7am, Blue Cliff Zen Ctr, 439 W. 2nd Ave.

### WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 18

### **GATHERINGS**

New Zone Art Gallery Drum Circle, 6 pm , New Zone Art Gallery, 22 W. 7th Ave. .

### HEALTH

KIDS/FAMILY

Online, . n/c.

Pop-Up Clinic & Street Outreach, 3 pm , Washington Jefferson Park, Washington St. & W. 5th Ave. .

#### Triple P Discussion for Parents: Dealing With Dis-

LECTURES/CLASSES Lunchtime Meditation, noon-12:30pm. More info at MeditateInEugene.org.

obedience, 6 pm -8:30 pm,

Universal Compassion, 6-7:30pm. More info at MeditateInEugene.org. \$2. The Rejects Club, 6:30-

8:30pm. More info at Word-

Crafters.org. FREE-\$10. Calm-Abiding Meditation, 7-7:30pm. More info at Pal-

### moCenter.org. Mushrooms of the Lanna Kingdom, 7pm. More info at CascadeMyco.org.

#### MUSIC Live music - Acoustic set, 5pm, Covered Bridge Brew-

ing Group. Jazz & Variety, 6pm, Mac's Nightclub & Restaurant.

The AM, 6:30pm, beergarden. St. Clair & Pabst, 6:30pm, The Public House.

Chico Schwall's American Roots Rock Island Line: Skif-fle & the rise of British Rock, 7:30pm, The Shedd. \$11-19, tickets sold only in advance.

### SPIRITUAL

Zen Meditation, 7am, Blue Cliff Zen Ctr, 439 W. 2nd

### THURSDAY NOVEMBER 19

### FILM

Movies at Maude's: Gerhard Richter Painting, 7pm, Maude Kerns Art Ctr, 1910 E 15th Ave.

### NAMI Support Zoom Group

at NAMILane.org, 7pm. More info at NAMILane.org. LECTURES/CLASSES

### Calming Yoga via Zoom,

noon-1pm. RSVP at Vista-Psych.com.

Caroline Woolard: "Art, Engagement, Economy: the Working Practice of Caroline Woolard," noon, (UO Dept. of Art Visiting Artist Lecture Series), 4pm. More info at ArtDesingn@ uoregon.edu.

Spread Peace, online sup port group, noon-1pm, RSVP at BethGreen.as.me.

Stav at Home Lecture Series w/ OSU College of Forestry, 3pm, Oregon-State edu.

"Climate Change in the American Mind," 5pm. More info at OHC.uoregon.edu.

SPA LCC Theater Thursdays (Playwriting Work-shop), 5pm. Link at Lanecc. Zoom.us..

Starting a Meditation Practice, 6-7:30pm. More info at MeditateInEugene.org. \$2. Self Care in Chaotic Times, 6:30-8pm. More info at As You Like It Facebook page.

### MUSIC

Hank Shreve & Skip Jones, 6pm, Mac's Nightclub & Restaurant.

Barbara Healy Trio, 6pm, Territorial Vineyards

Rudolf Korv, 6pm, Northwest Burger. The AM, 7pm, beergarden.

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### Thursday Night Jazz, 10pm, KLCC, 89.7 FM PERFORMANCE

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Trivia w/ Elliot Martinez,

THEATER Open (virtual) MIC (kind of) @ Springfield Public Library, 7pm. For more info, call the library at 541-726-3766 Monday-Saturday, 10am-

### **ATTENTION**

Lane County Mutual Aid, in partnership with the Eugene/Springfield Chapter of the NAACP, is seeking to raise money for community members in need, espemembers in need, espe-cially those in the BIPOC community of Lane County. The NAACP has pledged \$10,000, \$2,000 a month from August-December, to communities of color in Lane County. With over \$100,000 in aid requested so far, this partnership hopes the community will take action and donate to reduce the gap between demonstrated need and the available funds. The financial support — with no invasive questions, no proof of income required and no bar-riers — will aid families and individuals who are behind on rent, need money for a move-in deposit, to have car repair work done to maintain employment, and more. If you are interested in contributing to the program, go to Donorbox.org/ LaneMutualAid-Fundraiser.

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## That Rock Island Sound

### EUGENE CONCERT REVIVES LITTLE-KNOWN BRITISH POPULAR MUSIC MOVEMENT CALLED 'SKIFFLE'

By Will Kennedy

raumatized communities and a cratered economy: That's what many teens of today face mid-pandemic. It's also what many young people faced in England, post-World War II.

British teenagers at the time who were interested in playing music had few resources, and even fewer places to play.

Their solution was to find guitars and pianos where they could, make tea-chest basses — something like the washtub bass of American bluegrass bands — and swipe their mother's washboards.

Listening to rare American 78-rpm records that did make it into the country after the war — mostly folk, country, blues and American jug bands — those same teens began making music of their own, a sound that came to be known as "skiffle." The origin of the term is unclear, though a number of early 20th century rural bands in the U.S. used "skiffle" in their name.

On Wednesday, Nov. 18, Eugene musician Chico Schwall presents an evening of skiffle hits at The Shedd, the latest installment in Schwall's American Roots concert series.

The show is called "Rock Island Line" after Lonnie Donegan's rumbling 1955 rendition of the classic American folk tune; it's the song commonly considered to have launched the skiffle craze in the U.K.

As a teen Schwall was introduced to skiffle through British invasion luminaries like Jimmy Page and Pete Townshend, among others, all of whom he says got their start playing skiffle.

The skiffle group The Quarrymen, for example, featured a few musicians better known for their work in a little band called The Beatles, and even legendary Irish singer-songwriter, and current virulent anti-masker, Van Morrison got his start in the scene.



Referring to the early sound, Schwall says, "It was kind of like the punk rock scene. They weren't emulating anything. They were creating their own thing. It was very expressive. It was very rebellious. Skiffle music was a participatory, youth music movement."

Some of the sound was modeled after Leadbelly, early American country music like the Carter Family and as much blues as they could get in the U.K. at the time.

More than anything, though, early skiffle came from the traditional jazz scene popular in England immediately after the war. "Not contemporary jazz like bebop," Schwall adds, "but early New Orleans-style jazz, without any charts, trying to recreate that in their scene."

Eventually, banjo and guitar players added a few older folk, blues and country tunes to the repertoire. Over time, the sound developed a white-hot teen mania and the ever-so-slight inflection of traditional music of the British Isles.

"It became something that people could dance to, and it became very popular," Schwall says. But by 1960, skiffle had been pretty much absorbed into the sound of British rock.

Schwall agrees that young musicians of today could relate to the young people in England playing skiffle.

"I think we're poised toward finding new ways of doing things," he says. "The whole touring band industry, and the whole tour support industry and label support of a touring band — that's all gone. What we're going to end up with as we start to emerge from this is we're going to see more regional music" — like skiffle.

"While everything else about COVID sucks, the need to reinvent ourselves could turn out to be good," Schwall says.

The show was originally scheduled for the spring, but was bumped to the summer, and again to this month.

To comply with COVID-19 guidelines, Schwall's show will feature cabaret-style seating at tables arranged at an appropriate distance. "You won't be seated at the same table with anyone that didn't come with you," Schwall says, and there will be no walk-up ticketing.

"I think The Shedd is being really conscientious, figuring this out," Schwall says. "They're taking a lot of precautions and pushing the envelope, trying to get live music back."

Chico Schwall's "American Roots Rock Island Line: Skiffle and the rise of British Rock, 1955-60" is 7:30 pm, Wednesday, Nov. 18. at The Shedd; \$11.25-\$19, advance tickets only, all-ages.



# What Now For 'Fibers of History'?

DOWNTOWN MURAL, UNVEILED IN OCTOBER AND NOW REPEATEDLY DEFACED, FACES UNCERTAIN FUTURE

### By Dan Buckwalter

he mural—"Fibers of History"—glowed for less than a month with rainbow colors and motifs of children, monarchs and music notes. Its elegance was in its simplicity, connecting the dots of the Latinx and Indigenous cultures.

Yes, it had an image of Charlie Landeros on the top left corner, and for that, it seems, the mural is now smeared with blue paint, the result of at least two vindictive swipes of vandalism that were, presumably, to represent police.

On the alley that is West Park Street itself is painted the plaintive cry from the recent All Saints' Day, celebrated annually in Mexico with the holiday called Día de los Muertos as well as the words, "Mourn the Dead."

It is a clash of cultures that are still feeling the immediate pain of Jan. 11, 2019. That's when Landeros,

of Mexican and Filpino ancestry and who was just 30 years old, was shot and killed by a Eugene Police Department officer at Cascade Middle School. There was a scuffle, Landeros fired two rounds, and an EPD officer followed with the fatal shot.

It all took less than a minute, and the pain is not going away soon

"The focus of the mural was never meant to be on Charles Landeros," Colette Ramirez, community program senior manager for Cultural Services in Eugene, says in an email to *Eugene Weekly*, "but rather about celebrating the rich beauty, power and diversity of Indigenous and Lantix cultures, as well as touch on the fear, loss and trauma that has been experienced."

Yet Landeros' image on the mural became the angry centerpiece to some who interpreted it as an attack on police. An EPD officer purportedly on the scene that fateful January morning, speaking anonymously to KEZI television, decried what he believed to be harmful images and demanded the mural be taken down.

Chris Skinner, chief of EPD, echoed that thought in a statement that read in part that certain images in the mural "feel very divisive and do not seem to be in alignment with the goal of bringing [the] community together."

Then on the week of Oct. 26 came the first wave of the blue paint vandalism. Skinner responded with another statement that read, "We are aware there has been heightened emotions surrounding the imagery depicted on the mural; regardless, the defacing of the mural is a crime and only serves to further divide this community at a time when we need to be coming together."

Still, not not everyone was done weighing in with their criticisms of the mural. In a Eugene City Council

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meeting in October, councilor Mike Clark likened some of the mural's images to painting white supremacist or

And on the week of Nov. 2 came the second wave of blue paint vandalism to the mural.

"This mural is manifesting anger and hurt that already exist in the community and opening up a pathway for conversation and understanding," Stacey Ray, interim executive director of Lane Arts Council, says. "The path to understanding is not an easy one."

No, it's not, and the vandalism brings to the fore

Did Skinner see the mural in person before commenting on it? If he had concerns or questions, did he reach out to the artist (Rodolfo Redstone Serna of Portland), Lane Arts or the Cultural Services Division of Eugene for clarification? Was the vandal (perhaps more than one?) emboldened by Skinner's original statement? Because words matter.

Melinda McLaughlin, spokesperson for EPD, took a pass on those questions, but Laura Hammond of the city manager's office noted to EW in October that interdepartmental communication was lacking throughout

Hammond reiterated that point in an email to EW in early November, saying that "while the mural was a surprise to [Skinner] and the department, they fully support the need to provide a platform for multicultural voices."

So what now for the mural?

"Moving forward, we are staying engaged with the artist, wall owner and Lane Arts Council to assess the damage and determine next steps," Ramirez says. "Until these conversations happen, we simply will not know the fate of the mural."

Both Ramirez and Ray note that "Fibers of History" did align itself with each group's mission statements

"The intent behind the mural was to create a platform for local multicultural voices from the community to be heard; a chance to express themselves through art,"

Ramirez concurs, adding that the mural provided "a platform for a select group of Indigenous and Latinx community members who historically are marginalized and not given the same opportunities for expression as those that identify with the dominant culture."

Hopefully, opportunities will come in the future. and we'll be able to celebrate the power and diversity of Indigenous and Latinx cultures in downtown Eugene and elsewhere.

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### **Legal Notices**

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY Juvenile Department In the Matter of ISAIAH RAY MACH-SCALISI, A Child. TO: Mariah Nicole Scalisi Case No. 20JU01767 PUBLISHED SUMMONS IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: A petition has been filed asking the court to terminate your parental. ing the court to terminate your parental rights to the above-named child for the purpose of placing the child for adoption. YOU ARE REQUIRED TO PERSONALLY APPEAR BEFORE the Lane County Juvenile Court at 2727 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Eugene, OR 97401, on the 3rd day . 2020 at 10:00 a.m. to ad

to personally appear at any subsequent court-ordered hearing. YOU MUST APPEAR PERSONALLY IN THE COURTROOM ON THE DATE AND AT THE TIME LISTED ABOVE. AN ATTORNEY MAY NOT ATTEND THE HEARING IN YOUR PLACE THE PERSON YOU MIST ADDEAD PLACE. THEREFORE, YOU MUST APPEAR EVEN IF YOUR ATTORNEY ALSO APPEARS. This summons is published pursuant to the order of the circuit court judge of the above-entitled court, dated September 21, 2020. The order directs that this summons be published once each week for three consecutive weeks, making three publications in all, in a published newspaper of general circulation in Lane County, Oregon. Date of first publication: 11/05/20. NOTICE nons is published pursuant to Date of last publication: 11/19/20. NOTICE READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR PERSONALLY BEFORE THE COURT AS DIRECTED ABOVE, THEN YOU MUST APPEAR ON DECEMBER 17, 2020 AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE SAME ADDRESS LISTED ABOVE. IF YOU FAIL TO APEAR FOR BOTH OF THESE DATES OR DO
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# FREE WILL ASTROLOGY BY ROB BREZSNY

 $\mathbf{S}$  (MARCH 21-APRIL 19): "Love can't always do work," wrote novelist Iris Murdoch. 'Sometimes it just has to look into the darkness." From what I can tell, you've been doing that recently: looking into the darkness for love's sake. That's a good thing! You have been the bene ficiary of the blessings that come through the contemplation of mysteries and enigmas. You've been recalibrating your capacity to feel love and tenderness in the midst of uncertainty. I suspect that it will soon be time to shift course, however. You're almost ready to engage in the ork that has been made possible by your time looking into the darkness

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20): Author Barbara Kingsolver says, "Don't try to figure out what other people want to hear from you; figure out what you have to say." That's always valuable advice, but it'll be especially useful to keep in mind during the coming weeks. You're probably going to feel more pressure than usual to tell others what they wish you would tell them; you may expe rience some guilt or worry about being different from their expectations of you. Here's the good news: I'm pretty certain you can be true to yourself without seeming like a jerk to anyone or damaging your long-term interests. So you might as well say and do exactly what's real and genuine.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20): "The violets in the mountains have broken the rocks," wrote playwright Tennessee Williams. I think that's a poetic but accurate description of the feat you've been working on lately, Gemini. You're gently smashing through stony obstructions. You've been calling on your irrepressible will to enjoy life as you have outsmarted the rugged, jagged difficulties. You're relying on beauty and love to power your efforts to escape a seemingly no-win situation. Congratulations! Keep up the good work!

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22): Cancerian rapper Vince Staples says, "I feel like it's impossible to be completely yourself." Why? Because ideally we're always outgrowing who we have become; we're moving beyond the successes we have already achieved. There is no final, whole, ideal "self" to inhabit and express — only more and more of our selfness to create. Staples suggests we'd get bored if we reached a mythical point where we had figured out exactly who we are and embodied it with utter purity. We always have a mandate to transform into a new version of our mystery. Sounds like fun! Everything I just said, Cancerian, is an empowering meditation for you right now.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22): "I am my own sanctuary, and I can be reborn as many times as I choose throughout my life." Singer-songwriter Lady Gaga said that, and now I offer it to you to use as your motto. According to my analysis of the astrological omens, it's a fabulous time to be your own sanctuary. I invite you to rebirth yourself at least twice between now and the end of November. What's the first step you'll take to get started?

 $V\!IRGO$  (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22): The National Football League is a giant socialist enterprise. It earns billions of dollars of revenue and shares it equally with each of its 32 teams. So the team in Green Bay, Wisconsin, population 105,000, receives the same payout as the team in Chicago, population 2.7 million. I advocate a comparable approach for you in the coming weeks. Just for now, distribute your blessings and attention and favors as evenly as possible, showing no favoritism toward a particular child or friend or pet or loved one or influence. Be an impartial observer, as well. Try to restrain biases and preferential treatment as you act with even-handed fair-mindedness. Don't worry: You can eventually go back to being a subjective partisan if you want. For the foreseeable future, your well-being requires cordial neutrality.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22): "Who is to decide between 'Let it be' and Force it?" asked Libran author Katherine Mansfield. I mention this because you're now hanging out in the limbo zone between "Let it be" and "Force it." But very soon — I'm sure you'll have a clear intuition about when — you'll figure out how to make a decisive move that synthesizes the two. You will find a way to include elements of both "Let it be" and "Force it."

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21): "I hold a beast, an angel, and a madman in me," wrote Scorpio poet Dylan Thomas (1914-1953) in a letter to a friend. That sounds like a lot of energy to manage! And he didn't always do a good job at it — although he did at times tap into his primal wellspring to create some interesting poetry. I'm going to use Thomas' words in your horoscope, because I think that in the coming weeks you can be a subtle, refined and mature blend of a beast, angel and madperson. Be your wisest wild self, dear Scorpio!

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21): Activist and author Rebecca Solnit writes, "The grounds of my hope have always been that history is wilder than our imagination of it and that the unexpected shows up far more regularly than we ever dream." In my astrological estimation, her grounds for hope should also be yours in the coming weeks. The future is more wide-open than you might think. The apparent limitations of the past are at least temporarily suspended and irrelevant. Your fate is purged of some of your old conditioning and the inertia of tradition. I encourage you to make a break for freedom. Head in the direction of the Beautiful Unknown.

 $CAPRICORN ({\tt DEC.\,22\text{-}JAN.\,19}): {\tt The\,famous\,Leaning\,Tower\,of\,Pisa\,doesn't\,stand\,straight},$ but tilts at an angle. Why? The soil it was built on is soft on one side. So the marble-and-lime stone structure began to tip even before it was finished. That's the weird news. The good news is that the tower has remained standing for more than eight centuries — and has stayed intact even though four major earthquakes have rolled through the area. Why? A research team of engineers determined it's because of the soft foundation soil, which prevents the tower from resonating violently with the temblors. So the very factor that makes it odd is what keeps it strong. Is there a comparable phenomenon in your life? I believe there is. Now is a good time to acknowledge this blessing - and enhance your use of it.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18): Even if you tend to pay more attention to what's going wrong than what's going right, I ask you to change your attitude for the next three weeks. Even if you believe that cynicism is an intelligent perspective and a positive attitude is a wasteful indulgence, I encourage you to suspend those beliefs. As an experiment — and in accordance with astrological potentials — I invite you to adopt the words of activist Helen Keller as your keynote: "Every optimist moves along with progress and hastens it, while every pessimist would keep the world at a standstill. The consequence of pessimism in the life of a nation is the same as in the life of the individual. Pessimism kills the instinct that urges people to struggle against rty, ignorance and crime, and dries up all the fountains of joy in the world."

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20): Researchers in the UK found that 62 percent of the adult population brags that they've read classic books that they have not in fact read. Why? Mostly to impress others. George Orwell's 1984 is the top-rated book for fake claims, followed by Tolstoy's War and Peace, James Joyce's Ulysses, and the Bible. I hope you won't engage in anything like that type of behavior during the weeks ahead. In my opinion, it's even more crucial than usual for you to be honest and authentic about who you are and what you do. Lying about it might seem to be to your advantage in the short run, but I guarantee it won't be

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LANE Probate Department. In the Matter of the Estate of CHARLES LESTER NEWINGHAM, Deceased. Case No. 20PB06065 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative at the address and phone number appearing below within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative, Douglas M. Bomarito. Dated and first published on November 12, 2020. [s] Zachary O. Sword, Personal been appointed personal representative Dated and first published on November 12, 2020. Isl Zachary O. Sword, Personal Representative. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Zachary O. Sword, PO Box 3002, Princeton, OR 97721, Tel. No. 541-589-1917. ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Douglas M. Bomarito, OSB #760679, 7157 SW Beveland Street, Ste 100, Tigard, Oregon 97223, Tel. No. (503)223-8285, Fax: (503)223-6827, Impormatito@dmbnc.com dmbormarito@dmbpc.co

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LANE. PROBATE DEPARTMENT. In the Matter of the Estate of: EVELYN ROSE FICEK, Deceased, CASE No. 20PB06953 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS (ORS 113.155) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Rickey A. Ficek has been appointed Personal Ficek, has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Evelyn Representative of the Estate of Evelyn Rose Ficek, deceased. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative, through his attorney, John A. Hudson, North Bank Law, at 66 Club Road, Suite 200, Eugene, Oregon 97401-2459, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. (Please provide youghers or documents substantiating vouchers or documents substantiating any such claim). All persons whose rights any such claim). All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the personal representative, whose contact information is as follows: Personal Representative: Rickey A Ficek, 27116 Morganlee Lane, Junction City, OR 97448, Phone: (503)705-3792. Attorney for Personal Representative: John A Hudson, OSB #741498, North Bank Law, 66 Club Road, Suite 200, Eugene, Oregon 97401. Road, Suite 200, Eugene, Oregon 97401. Tele: (541)485-0777 Fax: (541)344-7487. Dated and first published October 29, 2020. /s/ John A. Hudson, OSB #741498, Attorney for Personal Representative.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LANE. WILLIAM MONSON and SUSAN MONSON, Plaintiffs, v, VICTOR R. KRING and the UNKNOWN HEIRS of DONNA M. KRING, AKA DONNA MARIE DHERIN; the UNKNOWN HEIRS of THOMAS L. PEDIGO and LILA PEDIGO, Defendants. No. 19CV51201 PUBLISHED SUMMONS. TO: Defendants Unknown Heirs of Donna M. Kring, aka Donna Marie Dherin and Unknown Heirs of Donna M. Kring, aka Donna Marie Dherin and Unknown Heirs of Thomas L. Pedigo and Unknown Heirs of Donna M. Kring, aka Donna Marie Dherin and Unknown Heirs of Thomas L. Pedigo and Unknown Heirs of Heirs publication of this Summons, specified herein, and in case of your failure to do so, for want thereof, Plaintiff will apply to the Court for relief demanded in the Complaint. Is/ Wesley A. Hill, OSB #063619. NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT: READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLLY! YOU must "appear" in this case or the other side will win automatically. To "appear" you must file with the court a legal paper IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF vou must file with the court a legal paper

called a "motion" or "answer." The "motion" or "answer" must be given to the court clerk or administrator within 30 days of the date of first publication specified herein, along with the required filing fee. It must be in proper form and have proof of service on the plaintiff's attorney or, if the plaintiff does not have an attorney, proof of service upon the plaintiff. If you have of service upon the plaintiff. If you have any questions, you should see an attorney immediately. If you need help in finding an attorney, you may call the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at (503)684-3763 or toll-free in Oregon at (800)452-7636. STATE OF OREGON )ss County of Marion) I, the undersigned attorney of record for the Plaintiff, certifies that the foreening is an exact and fies that the foregoing is an exact and complete copy of the original Summons in the above-entitled action. **COMPLAINT** FOR QUIET TITLE AND DECLARATORY FOR QUIET TITLE AND DECLARATORY RELIEF. Relief Requested: For an order requiring Defendants, and all persons claiming under the Defendants, to set forth the nature of their claims to the real property described in the Complaint; for an order determining all adverse claims of Defendants, and persons claiming under Defendants; declaring Plaintiff to be the owner in fee simple of the real property owner in fee simple of the real property described in the Complaint and as set forth in said Complaint; and enjoining forth in said Complaint; and enjoining Defendants and those claiming under Defendants from asserting any estate, title, claim, lien or interest in the premises or any portion thereof; and for declaratory relief. Date of First Publication: 11/05/20. Date of Last Publication: 11/12/20. /s/ Wesley A. Hill, OSB 063619 Of Attorneys for Plaintiff

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the under signed has been appointed personal rep-resentative of the Estate of Catherine Porter Larson, deceased, Lane County Circuit Court Case No. 20PB06996. All persons having claims against the estate persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative c/o Amanda L. Reilly, Lafky & Lafky, 429 Court Street NE, Salem, Oregon 97301, (503) 585-2450, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the court, the personal representative, or the personal representative's attorneys Dated and first published: November 12, 2020. Personal Representative /s/ Thomas J. Lester.

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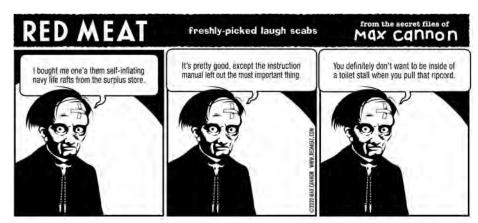


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NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS ESTATE OF JEAN MARIE AMBROSE LANE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 20PB06925. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with written evidence thereof attached, to the undersigned Personal Representative Daniel M. Ambrose, c/o Wendy L. Laing, HUTCHINSON COX, PO BOX 10886, Eugene, Oregon, 97440. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them within four months after the date of first publication of this notice to the Personal Representative at the address stated above for the presentation of claims or such claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by these proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the Attorney for the Personal Representative, named above. DATED AND FIRST PUBLISHED 10/29/20.

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS: Probate proceedings in the Estate of Kevin Jon Ricker, Deceased, are now pending in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Lane County, Case No. 20PB06778, and Matthew Ricker has been appointed Personal Representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present the same, with proper vouchers, to the Personal Representative, c/o Gleaves Swearingen LLP, Attorneys at Law, 975 Oak Street, Suite 800, Eugene, OR 97401, within 4 months from the date of the first publication of this notice or such claims may be barred. NOTICE IS FUTHER GIVEN to all persons whose rights may be affected by the above entitled proceedings that additional information may be obtained from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative or the attorneys for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published this 5th day of November, 2020.

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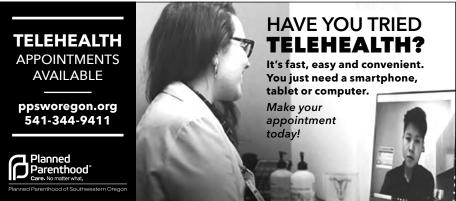
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### Four Play BY DAN SAVAGE



Why are threesomes much more accepted in the popular imagination than foursomes? I was just googling "finding foursomes," and the first result is an article about threesomes that takes for granted that people are looking for MFF. That is a form of heteronormativity, right? I am not judging threesomes, of course, but asking why foursomes are perceived as more taboo. Would be interested in knowing more about what you think about this or if you have any resource to recommend as I am approaching this now with my partner for the first time.

— Willing To Foursome PS: Love what you do with your work.

I don't think the popular imagination has conspired against foursomes or that foursomes are really that much more taboo than threesomes, WTF. Rather, I think threesomes are easier to arrange than foursomes and the popular imagination reflects that fact. Think about it: Finding two people who wanna fuck each other is hard. Finding three people who all wanna fuck each other — Person A wants to fuck Person B and Person C, Person B wants to fuck Person A and Person C, Person C wants to fuck Person A and Person B — is harder still. Adding a Person D to the mix makes the wannafuckmath infinitely more complicated. Which is not to say everybody fucks everybody during a threesome, of course, but at the very least everyone involved has to at least be okay with fucking in very close proximity to everyone else involved.

And while complicated to arrange and often emotionally tricky, WTF, threesomes aren't really that taboo. According to research into sexual fantasies done by Dr. Justin Lehmiller, it's the single most common sexual fantasy. More than 90 percent of men and nearly 90 percent of women fantasize about having a threesome, according to Dr. Lehmiller's research; according to other research, roughly one-in-five people have actually participated in at least one threesome. (Full discloser/cumblebrag: I lost my virginity in a MMF threesome.)

Threesomes are heteronormative by design, e.g. they were arranged to fulfill a straight man's standard-issue MFF fantasy, but judging from my mail just as many MFF threesomes are arranged to fulfill the same-sex desires of often-but-not-always-newly-out bisexual women who already have husbands or boyfriends — less heteronormative and more bisupportive/biexplorative. (My mail isn't scientific evidence, I realize, but it's what I've got.) And for the record I don't think there's anything wrong with a heteronormative threesome. Straight guys should be allowed to have and be allowed to realize their sexual fantasies without being shamed, just like everyone else, so long as they're realizing them with consenting adult partners. And while straight guys have historically done most of the judging and shaming of non-straight/non-guys over the entire course of human history, the corrective isn't to heap shame on straight guys with off-the-rack sexual fantasies. It's to demand that no one should be shamed for their sexual fantasies and we demonstrate our commitment to that principle by not shaming anyone — not even straight guys — who seek to realize their sexual fantasies with other consenting adults.

And finally, WTF, there is one place where foursomes are far less taboo and could even described as standard: the organized and mostly straight and often supremely heteronormative swingers' scene. If you and your partner are of the opposite sex and are interested in or willing to settle for strictly heterosexual sex where men are concerned, you might find more luck arranging foursomes at swingers' parties — once those parties are possible again — than on dating apps.

Where do I go from here? My parents voted for Trump in 2016 and again in 2020. I'm a lesbian. My partner and I have been together for nearly 20 years. My parents have always been supportive, we have a great relationship. But I can't reconcile their vote for this piece of trash. They're not even pro-life or religious. I genuinely don't understand.

— What The Fuck Do I Do Now?

My dad voted for George W. Bush in 2004. Bush's campaign was pushing anti-gay marriage ballot initiatives across the country in the hopes that bigots would turn out in huge numbers and put his incompetent ass back in the White House. The fact that the then-president of the United States — the worst one we thought we'd see in our lifetimes — was waging a demagogic campaign against one of his own children didn't stop my dad from voting for him. For a second time.

I didn't stop talking to my father.

While I believe we have to confront family members about their bigotries, and that there have to be social consequences when people vote for racism and fascism and oligarchy and corruption and disease and death, WTFDIDN, I don't think cutting off contact with non-toxic/non-QAnon parents or family members is the answer. Where there's evidence of cognitive dissonance — and a family member voting for someone seeking to harm people they love is certainly evidence of cognitive dissonance — there's also an opportunity. So I would urge you to express your displeasure to your parents and demand better from them and to keep bringing it up. While text messages from strangers and robocalls often fail to move people, appeals to conscience — sometimes angry ones — from family members often work. I've heard from a lot of people over the last few months whose parents voted for Trump in 2016 but voted for Biden this year. I wish I could say my dad was one of them. Maybe next time.

There are elections coming up in 2022 and there's a high likelihood we will see a Trump on the ballot in 2024. (There are two special elections in Georgia in January that will determine who controls the U.S. Senate!) The parents who disappointed you and endangered our Democracy in this election are more likely to come around before the next election if you demand answers from them now.

I'd like to think I am pretty open and understanding to a lot of things. I met a hot guy at my job who says he has a fetish for ass. In a sexting session, I learned he was not only obsessed with my ass, but me playing with his, too. He later revealed there was only one other woman he felt comfortable sharing his gay fantasies. Everything involved ass play, sucking dildos or DP (Eyebrow raised). I asked him if he was curious about gay sex and he said no. In no way does he want a man, he said, and everything he wanted done to him he wanted a woman to do. We've had several sexting sessions and it always shifts to me dominating him or a gay sex fantasy. I really want to be open but he is making this very hard.

— Questioning Unusual Exceptionally Erotic Relationship

This would be easier if you were clear — clear with yourself — about what you want and what's possible. If you want a long-term relationship that doesn't revolve around ass play and you couldn't possibly enjoy a casual sexual adventure with a hot guy who isn't a good potential long-term partner... then you should stop sexting with him. But if you're up for a crazy, ass-centered sexual adventure with a hot guy that won't lead to anything serious or long-term... then get yourself a strap-on dildo and order this not gay guy to get on his not gay knees and suck your not gay dick.

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I suspect you feel tense after sexting with this guy because you're left thinking, "My God, what am I signing up for here?" The animating assumption being that "going there" means getting stuck there. But if you told yourself you were only signing up for a crazy night or a crazy weekend instead with this ass-obsessed dude, and not a lifetime with him, you would most likely feel a lot less nervous about this connection. In other words, QUEER, being open to playing with this guy doesn't mean you have to be open to dating him, much less marrying him. But, again, if having a sexual adventure with someone who isn't a potential long-term partner isn't something you could see yourself doing and enjoying, QUEER, stop responding to this guy's sext messages.

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